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Public Notices.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.
Engagement of Mr. T. C. KING.
THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, JUNE 28, 1860,
THE Celebrated Opera of DEVALLI.
THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, JUNE 28, will be performed Balfe's Celebrated Opera of THE LADY OF LYONS.
Mr. T. C. King ... Mr. W. Rouse
Mr. Gladstone ... Mr. T. C. King
After which the Renowned Signor DEVALLI will make his Introduction to the Dublin Public.
To be followed by the Celebrated Farce, entitled LEND ME 5.
Mr. Edward Fisher
Mr. W. Finnigan
Mr. Rouse
Mr. Fitz. Gerald
Mr. Gladstone
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Mr. Gladstone

B. HYAM AND THE SUMMER, 1860.

HYAM'S SUMMER STOCK OF CLOTHING FOR 1860 is of a very superior description in materials, make, and style; the various Suits and Garments for Gentlemen and Juveniles surpass those of all previous seasons.

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Prices 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 21s., 25s., 30s., and 42s.

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Prices 21s., 25s., 32s., 36s., 42s., 50s., 52s.

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R. HUNT & CO.
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In consequence of the long continuance of unfavourable weather, and the advanced period of the season, we have decided upon SELLING OFF OUR SUMMER STOCK at and under Cost Prices.
Our advices from the different markets also showing that the same cause, have operated to force sales at a great sacrifice of most descriptions of
LIGHT SUMMER FABRICS,
We have been induced to send over our buyers to make special purchases from MANUFACTURERS' STOCKS, in order to offer to the Public all the advantages of NEW AND CHOICE GOODS, at the present unavoidable and GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.
These purchases are now ready, and we shall this day show in FANCY DRESSES.
LARGE LOTS OF CHECKED AND CROSS-OVER MOHAIRS, DO. DO. CHALLIS, DO. DO.
TWO AND FIVE-FLOUNCED PRINTED BAREGES, PLAIN AND PRINTED BAREGES IN THE PIECE, FLOUNCE MOHAIR ROBES.
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In every variety of Tissues;
Printed Cashmeres and Llamas;
Self-Coloured Llamas;
Paisley and Foreign Wove Loups, &c.;
All at Reduced Prices.
SILKS.
In all the New Foulards;
Two, Three, and Seven Flounced Robes;
Rich French Poulds, Stripes, Chines, &c.;
Small Checks and Stripes, Bright Silk;
All at Reduced Prices.
PRINTED MUSLINS.
Plain and Organdi Muslin;
Small Checks, Stripes;
Five, Seven, and Nine Flounced Robes, in all the New Colours;
All at Reduced Prices
MANTLES.
In immense variety of New Styles in Fancy Cloths, China Silks
Rich Black Glacés, &c.
Zouave Jackets
All at Reduced Prices:
RIBBONS.
Very Cheap Narrow Velvets;
Fancy Bonnet Ribbons,
Do. Do., French, in great variety of Styles, all at Reduced Prices.
HOSIERY.
Ladies' Fancy Hose;
Children's do.
White Cotton Hose;
Lisle Thread do.;
Gentlemen's Fancy Socks;
All at Reduced Prices.
LACES.
Worked Collars, Sleeves;
Do. do., in Sets, very Rich;
Flouncings;
White Figured Muslins, Bodices, and Zouave Jackets;
All at Reduced Prices.
CHILDREN'S DRESSES.
Children's Mantles, in Cloth, Angola, Honeycomb, &c.;
Boys' Dresses, in do., do.;
Girls' Dresses, in Barege, Delaine, &c.;
Jackets, in Cloth, Angola, Holland, and Honeycomb;
All at Reduced Prices.
And all our Summer Goods in STRAW BONNETS, FLOWERS, PARASOLS, MILLINERY, MANTLE CLOTHS, &c., &c., at Clearance Prices.

Immediate inspection respectfully and confidently solicited.

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47, MARY STREET.
N.B.—NEW JEWELLERY of every description; also Spangles, Ornaments, Gold Braids, Cords, Belts, Algraffes, &c., &c., in the utmost variety. T. B. and CO.

WHILE MY READY-MADE DEPARTMENT IS fully supplied with GARMENTS of a superfine quality, I have also a large variety of excellent styles, at prices to suit the requirements of a very numerous class, who wish to economize, and get a neat, well-made article for little money.
MY SCOTCH TWEED TROUSERS,
All Wool, at 15s., will be found excellent value, while for Tourists, for the Railway Travelling,
MY 50s. TWEED LOUNGE SUIT
Will be found both useful and economical.
RICHARD ALLEN,
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IRISH BOG OAK ORNAMENTS.
Patronised by the Queen—SAMUELS, Working Jeweller and Manufacturer of Bog Oak Ornaments, 26, MARY-STREET. New designs in Bracelets, Brooches, &c. Ornaments made to order, and Jewellery carefully repaired on the premises. Carver in Bog Oak, by appointment, to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant. An assortment of Gold and Silver Watches, Gold Chains, Rings, Bracelets, &c., at remarkably low prices.

RE-OPENING OF THE PLATE, WATCH, AND JEWELLERY ESTABLISHMENT,
75, GRAFTON-STREET.
(Late T. Benoit's.)
The patrons of the above establishment are respectfully informed that it has been re-opened with a well-assorted stock of Jewellery, Watches, &c., &c., which will be sold at very moderate prices.
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N.B.—Old Plated Articles Re-plated. Plate lent on hire.

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Manufactured by
J. AND T. HAYES,
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Manufactured by
J. AND T. HAYES,
17, WESTLAND-ROW, DUBLIN.

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BRIAR ROOT PIPES—So Cool this hot weather!
Can be had of Continental Prices, at
EDWARD KEEVIL'S
(LATE HEYSHENROW'S)
Wholesale Pipe Warehouse,
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IRON AND BRASS BEDSTEADS, WITH BEDDING.
A magnificent assortment
TESTER, FOUR-POST, AND FRENCH PATTERNS, AT
HODGES AND SONS,
WESTMORELAND-STREET, and 26 & 27, ASTON'S-QUAY.
Manufactory, Price's-lane, Aston's-quay.
Servants' and Children's Stretchers in great variety.

MONEY MARKET AND COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE IRISH TIMES.)

Dublin, Wednesday Evening.

There was a decline in London, to-day, of 6s 3d in Consols for account, and 3s 9d in New Threes for money, the depressing causes before alluded to still acting unfavourably. The fall here was not to the same extent, being only ¼ per cent. Business was as might be expected, of a very limited character, both in Government Securities and the Share market. The transactions in Joint Stock Banks were restricted to Nationals, which appeared steady at last price, and Royals were offering at 26s, buyers tendering 25s 6d.

Of Steam Securities, there were only negociated a few Dublin and Liverpool Steam Building Shares, now quoted first without the dividend of 30s, the price being equivalent to an advance of ½. Atlantics were offered at yesterday's price, but negociations took place for an advanced account at a considerably depressed rate.

In Mines, Connorrees realised last value, and there were offers to buy General Mines at 4¾, sellers holding out for an advance of one quarter.

Alliance Gas were again on sale at last price, and 17 again offered for Grand Canal Stock, sellers demanding 40.

In the ordinary railway securities there was only one transaction—that in Midland Halves at last rate, the other railways being unchanged in value. There were offers to buy Belfast Junctions, and par was again offered for Droghedas. An advance of a quarter was required. The previous quotation was again offered for Wicklows, with sellers at 54. There were offers to sell Great Southern Stock at 114½. Midlands appeared steady at 52½, with buyers 1-16th less.

In Preference Shares there was a good deal done, the shares being unaltered, except in the case of Dundalk and Enniskillen 5 per Cent. (A), in which a slight decline took place. The B issue, Wicklow 6 per Cents., Great Southern 4 per Cents., and Londonderry and Enniskillen 5 per Cents., all produced the previous prices.

DUBLIN STOCK AND SHARE LIST—JUNE 27.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

Per Cent. Consols ...	shut
Do. for Account, 9th July ...	93¼
Per 3 per Cent. Stock ...	92½
Do. for Account, 9th July ...	92½ ¾
Do. for new account, 9th July ...	—

BANKS.

National Bank ...	63

SPAIN.

Royal Mail and Liverpool Steamship Building Shares.	52½ x d
Do. Preference (Limited) ...	25s 6d

RAILWAYS.

Great Great Western ...	—
Do. Halves ...	25½

RAILWAY PREFERENCE.

Dundalk and Bandon, 5½ per cent. perpetual.	61
Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford 6 per cent. perpetual	134 ¾
Do. do. class B.	93
Great Southern and Western 4 per cent. perpetual	101
Londonderry and Enniskillen 5 per cent. perpetual	100
Do. Halves 5 per cent. perpetual (1849 and 1851)	—

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gas and Consumers' Gas ...	22½
Ordinary business commences at half-past twelve o'clock, and stock brokers' offices are closed at three o'clock. The next account day for shares will be the 30th June. Names to be entered on or before the 29th.

PRICES OF IRISH STOCKS.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Consols, Money ...			93½	93½		93½
Consols, Account ...	93½			93½		93½
New Threes ...				93½		
Consols, Money ...	93½	93½		93½	93½	93½
Consols, Account ...	93½			93½	93½	93½
New Threes ...				93½		

(BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE—JUNE 27.

OPENING PRICES.

Consols Money, ...	93½
Consols Account, ...	93½
New Threes, ...	93½

NOON PRICES.

Consols Money, ...	93½
Consols Account, ...	93½
New Threes, ...	93½

1 P.M. PRICES.

Consols Money, ...	93½
Consols Account, ...	93½
New Threes, ...	93½

2-15 P.M. PRICES.

Consols Money, ...	93½
Consols Account, ...	93½
New Threes, ...	93½

CLOSING PRICES.

Consols Money, ...	93½ ¼
Consols Account, ...	93½ ¼
New Threes, ...	93½

NORTH SCOTLAND.—Bank Stock, 229; Caledonians, 99½; East Coast Counties, 55; Great Western 69; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 104½; London and North Western, 101½; Leeds, Northern, 51½; Midland, 117½; York and North Midland, 81½. Consols flat at 93½. Shares weaker in sympathy with consols at a decline of about ½ per cent. on last nights' rates. Business in Canadian first.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

(*Times' City Article.*)

Tuesday Evening.

Consols have been inactive to-day, but have closed with a firmer tendency. There was nothing of importance to influence the market, and the final advance was owing partly to the weather being comparatively fine, and the demand for money continues to increase. In the foreign exchanges this afternoon, the only feature was a falling off in demand for Austrian bills. The financial advices from Paris, state that rumours are current of a new loan of £20,000,000 is being about to be introduced. There were again no transactions in bullion at the Bank. The Railway market has again shown a dull tendency and in many instances a further fractional decline has taken place.

(*Daily News' City Article.*)

Tuesday Evening.

Great dullness continues to prevail in the Stock Exchange. Some of the members do not meet with a single transaction for several days together, nevertheless, prices are fairly supported. Funds, after showing dullness, closed a trifle dearer than yesterday. In the Share markets there was no feature of the least interest. The discount market continues active, and the supply of money being rather scarce, there is an indisposition to do business unless at a fractional advance upon Bank minimum, for six months' bills. 5 to 5½ per cent. is asked. A brisk business was done at the bank.

FUNDS AND SHARES—JUNE 28.

Caledonians, 92½ ½; Chester and Holyhead, 51½ 2; Eastern Counties, 54¾ 5½; Edinburgh and Glasgow, 77 8; Great Northern, 114½; Great Northern A, 114 15; Great Western, 69½; Great Western, 69½ ½; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 104½ ½; London and North Western, 101½ ½; London and South Western, 93½ 4½; Leeds Northern, 51½ 2; Midland, 117½ ½; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 96½; York and North Midland 81½. Consols continue dull at 93½ ½. Shares a shade firmer at the close, although no change in prices. French come a shade firmer, but rates here the same as opening.

ENGLISH FUNDS.

CITY, WEDNESDAY EVENING.—The Funds have fallen nearly ½ per cent. The Share markets are likewise rather heavy; the settlement has commenced in this department.

FRENCH FUNDS.

PARIS, JUNE 27TH, 3-15 P.M.—The Bourse has again been dull. Rentes closed at 68-65, or the same as yesterday.

LONDON CORN MARKET, JUNE 27.—Weather dry, but gloomy. Trade dull for all articles, on Monday's terms; attendance thin; arrivals good of oats, fair of wheat.

UNDERN'S REPORT, JUNE 27.—Supplies rather less. Weather unsettled. Wheat—English being relatively dearer. Foreign is much neglected. Floating cargoes are held for more money, in the face of a dull trade; off stands, and 55s 6d for Marinopie, on passage due in or about a month. Flour slow at Monday's decline. Indian corn still a downward tendency. Barley keeps steady for all well-conditioned qualities, C., F., and I., and off stands. Rye held above buyers' ideas. Peas and beans unsettled. Egyptian beans of new crop worth 33s C., F., and I. Oats have not recovered from Monday's depression.

CORN AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 27.—Wheat 105.421 quarters, at 57s.; barley 1,036 quarters, at 34s. 7d.; oats 3,483 quarters, at 27s. 5d.; rye 45 quarters, at 38s. 9d.; beans 2,589 quarters, at 45s. 10d.; peas 333 quarters, at 41s. 4d.

LONDON PRODUCE MARKET, JUNE 27.—Sugar steady. Coffee—No public sales. Market firm. Sales 40,000 packages now on Tea. Assam only sold so far, which has gone at full prices. Rice—Fair inquiry. Saltpetre quiet. Tallow market steady, at 52s 9d cash on the spot, and for delivery in the last three months.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET, JUNE 27.—Sales about 8,000 bales. No change.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET, JUNE 27.—Sugar—No change. Coffee—A few bags native Ceylon sold at 61s. Saltpetre steady; markets generally stupid and little to report.

SALFORD CATTLE MARKET, JUNE 27.—There was a large supply of beef, and sheep sold at advanced rates. Best beef, 8d to 8½d; middling, 7½d to 7¾d; interior, 5½d to 6½d; best wedders, 8½d to 9d; middling, 7½d to 8½d; ewes, 7d to 7½d; lambs, 8d to 8½d. Supplies—Beasts, 1,132; sheep and lambs, 8,921; calves, 225.

GLASGOW CORN MARKET, JUNE 27.—(Bald's circular)—Weather continues showery. Arrivals of foreign wheat small. Supplies by railway also light, yet to sell it would have been necessary to have made a concession of 6d per 240 lbs., but few holders seemed disposed to realise, and prices of both wheat and flour remained nominally as on this day week. Barley—The turn in price against sellers. Oats 3d per 304 lbs. and oatmeal 1s 6d per 280 lbs. cheaper. Beans, peas, and Indian corn unchanged in value.

CORK BUTTER MARKET, JUNE 27.—Firsts, 106s; seconds, 100s; thirds, 96s; fourths, 92s; fifths, 75s; sixths, 64s. 2,000 in market.

CORK CORN MARKET, JUNE 27.—Oats, 14s 9d to 17s.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.
Diary of Exhibitions, Performances, &c.
THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS .. .. Open daily.
BOTANIC GARDENS, GLASNEVIN .. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday
ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY.—Library open daily to visitors. Excusal by members. Natural History Museum; open for arrangement. School of Art on Fridays; Agricultural Museum every day, free.
MUSEUM OF IRISH INDUSTRY, STEPHEN'S-GREEN.—Open daily, free.
ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY.—Library and Museum open to visitors introduced by members on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
LEINSTER GALLERY, 60, LOWER SACKVILLE-STREET.—To-day, Exhibition of the Two Paintings "Christ Tempted by Satan" and "La Cinquantaine."
ROYAL PORTOBELLO GARDENS.—Every Evening.
GREAT EXHIBITION BUILDING.—Templar's Grand Circus Varieta. Every Evening at half-past Seven.
THE THEATRES.
Queen's Theatre—To-night—"Lady of Lyons;" "Lend Me 5s."
"A Race for a Wife."

GENERAL POST OFFICE, DUBLIN.
DEPARTCH OF FOREIGN MAILS.
Letters and newspapers may be posted at the G. P. O. for the following places, up to the subjoined dates:—
America (Portland), (Day) .. .. .. Ten a.m., June 28.
N.B.—Book packets for the Canadas are only forwarded by the Canadian packet. Letters, &c., for Madras and Lower Bengal Presidencies, addressed, via Southampton, will in future be forwarded only by the Calcutta Packets of the 4th and 20th of each month.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No communication can receive attention unless accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for insertion, but as a guarantee of good faith.
Announcements of births, deaths, and marriages, to ensure publication, must be properly authenticated, and will be inserted gratis.

The publication of the IRISH TIMES commenced yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, a.m., and terminated at half-past 9. The publication of the Second Edition commenced at 12 o'clock noon, and the Third Edition at four o'clock, p.m.
The circulation of the IRISH TIMES for the week ending Saturday, June 23rd, amounted to 56,874 copies, making an average of 9,479 copies daily.

PALERMO.

A correspondent of the *Times*, writing on the 18th instant, says:—

"The expedition of Medici is arrived, and to-morrow evening the last Neapolitan soldiers embark. These are the two salient reports of the day. The two steamers forming the expedition arrived yesterday evening at Castellamare. As it was known they were coming in that direction, Colonel Bixio was sent by sea to meet them. He arrived there just when the steamers were coming in, and, after some delays occasioned by measures of precaution, the steamers anchored, and the troops were safely disembarked. It is but too true that the American clipper boarded by the Utile is the identical vessel which was taken by the Neapolitans, brought to Gaeta, and released afterwards. It is not known yet what route they have taken after their release; but the help which has arrived is in itself most welcome—several thousand men and thousands of spare arms, with quantities of ammunition. Among the men are many officers and non-commissioned officers who have served in regular armies, and this is just the want which had been felt hitherto. Altogether it may be said that their safe arrival augments our forces at least fivefold.

Garibaldi left early this morning for Castellamare, and will probably come back at the head of the new expedition to-morrow evening, in order to be present at the departure of the Neapolitans.

By a curious coincidence, yesterday the rumour spread that the King of Naples had granted a constitution. It is just as if some one were to offer the Marquis of Westminster the same sum for Belgravia which would have bought it in the time of his ancestors, when wildducks were shot where now rows of palaces stand.

GARIBALDI AND KOSSUTH.—Two distinguished Hungarian officers of high rank have offered their services, through ex-Governor Kossuth, to Garibaldi, and, with the assistance of friends of the cause in Glasgow, leave immediately for the seat of war.—*Glasgow Herald.*

The 20th anniversary of the accession of the King of the Belgians is to be celebrated in the ensuing month with more than ordinary pomp.

The *Journal du Havre* says:—"Among the passengers who two days ago arrived at Dieppe from England were twenty-six Irishmen, who were on their way to Rome to enlist in the Pope's army; but as their passports were not in order, they were sent up to Paris to be placed at the disposition of the prefect of police."

A Genoa paper from Bologna states that the trial of the Very Rev. M. Ratta, vicar of the diocese, for contempt of the Government on the occasion of the late festival of the constitution, took place on the 21st. The public prosecutor proposed to the court a sentence of 42 months' imprisonment and 2,500f. fine. The case was postponed. On the 20th the tribunal of Forlì condemned Father Barbiani, superior of the college, to one year's imprisonment and 2,000f. fine for the same offence.

A letter from Coburg says:—"Preparations are being made for the reception of Prince Alfred of Great Britain, who will shortly arrive here and live alternately at Coburg and at Gotha. The reigning duke not having any children, Prince Alfred, his nephew, is his presumptive heir."

A question of some legal interest, and of considerable commercial importance, is about to be brought before the Paris Civil Tribunal; namely, as to whether a Frenchman can seize pirated goods on their passage through France, from the country in which they are made to a foreign country in which they are to be sold.

The value of the steamer Malabar, lost at Ceylon, is not £70,000, as previously stated, but about half that amount. Her measurement by Customs' register was 916 tons.

ROYAL HIBERNIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS, LOWER ABBEY-STREET.
Annual Exhibition of Paintings, &c., Open Daily from 10 to 6 o'clock.

It is impossible to detail, within the limits of an ordinary advertisement, the many advantages possessed by BIRNIE, HOGGLE'S, of London, NEW REGULATED PALETOT MOURNING COAT, &c. The following are to be had at their Agent,
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Milled do. ...	2 2 0
Morning or Office Coat ...	2 2 0
Imperial and Highland Capes in Cloth	2 2 0
Do. Do. in Tweed	1 1 0

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AND
70, GRAFTON-STREET.

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THE SIXTEEN SHILLING TROUSERS.
A very short time has sufficed to establish the character of our SCOTCH ANGOLA TROUSERS, at 16s.,
THOROUGHLY SHRUNK.
We can confidently recommend them as a Good Article, WELL CUT and properly made, at a fair price.
KENNY AND OWENS,
MERCHANT TAILORS,
34, DAME-STREET.

The Irish Times.

DUBLIN, THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

THE University festivals called "commencements," are a bond of connexion between a new generation and a past. Some just entering upon life have signalised their Collegiate career by winning those honours which talent and industry alone can gain. Prior to their entrance upon the theatre of the world, from the shadowy retirement of the schools, the University calls them before her, and, amidst the assembled body of her learning, presents them with her credentials. Others there are, old *alumni*, who have carried with them the prestige which an honourable University career ever gives, and who have become standard-bearers in the battle of life. For these the University has her honours, "the stars and garters of literary rank;" and as a Queen summons her defenders to grace them with her awards, so the University gives all she has to give—the testimony of her approbation. Those who are thus honoured are an example and an encouragement to others. The very rarity of these honours constitutes a portion of their value. Yet, periodically, there are ever found Irishmen, children of our Irish University, worthy of her praise. "A prophet has no honour in his own "country," and we, as a people, have ever been too unmindful of the worthies who have left us. It is well that there exists one tribunal which records and remembers merit, irrespective of party, and which unites, after the lapse of years, those ties which an active career in the outer world has widely stretched indeed, but has not broken.

The "commencements" of yesterday were in many respects remarkable. The fact is worthy of remembrance, that at this moment the English Bench is adorned by three graduates of the University of Dublin. Judge Willes, Baron Martin, and Judge Keatinge are no bad illustrations of the race which Trinity College receives within herself, nourishes and sends forth to triumph in peaceful contests. All three were to have been present, but the amount of judicial business which presses upon the courts of London could not permit their absence even for a day. One of their number came as the representative of the rest, and in person received those honours which the University decreed to all. We do not fear that this liberality will leave us none to honour hereafter. Others there are—Irishmen—cutting their way up the arduous steep of fame. It is sufficient to mention Sir Hugh Cairns, as the first of a class ever increasing.

It was a strange thing to see a son in possession of a higher degree than his father, and before him in the lists of the University, although that father won the highest honours the college has to give. Chief Justice Monahan appeared as a suppliant for his degree of Bachelor of Arts! He had obtained a gold medal in science many years ago, but had never claimed his degree. When the University, honouring those of her sons who had reached the Bench in England, determined to honour some of those who grace the Irish Bench, it was found that the degree of Doctor of Laws could not be bestowed upon Chief Justice Monahan until he had duly performed his exercises for his Bachelor's degree. His appearance among the medallists was greeted with a hearty cheer, for it is one blessing of our University that her youth are proud of their successful compatriots, and dream not of party.

Two Churchmen also were honoured—one, the Bishop of Glasgow, a Bishop elected according to the ancient rights of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, and by the votes of his brother Prelates chosen of many; the other was John Gregg, of Trinity Church, who had been a sizar, a scholar, and prizeman of the University. To him it must have been a pleasure that his two sons, both ministers of the Church, took their degrees of Master in Arts together with himself. If it be said that the degree of Doctor in Divinity confers no emolument, it at least confers all that a paternal Government thought proper to bestow when it elevated John Gregg to the unremunerative dignity of the Archdeaconry of Kildare.

The Board would willingly have conferred honours upon two English gentlemen whose genius has left its impress upon our social and literary history, Charles Kingsley and Mr. Froude are the guests of the Lord Lieutenant. There exists a rule which requires a week's notice of any grace for a degree, and the heads of the University were first aware of the presence of Mr. Kingsley and Mr. Froude in Ireland, when the Lord Lieutenant informed the Board that they were his guests for yesterday, and that he thought they could dine no where so suitably as with himself in the College Hall. Mr. Kingsley is Professor of History at Cambridge, Mr. Froude is a Professor in the University of Oxford. To have honoured these gentlemen would have been an additional connection between the three Universities—a connection so worthily shown in the institution of the mission to Central Africa.

Ten years since, "commencements" were, indeed, a dull and formal matter. It is to the credit of the Board that they have progressed with the spirit of the times, and that, removed from the strife of the outer world, they watch and honour the career of those who bear themselves nobly in the fight.

THE concluding section of the thirty-eighth report of the Inspectors-General of the Prisons of Ireland treats of the state of the Four Courts Marshalsea. Last year we commented, certainly not more severely than the case deserved, upon the condition of that wretched prison of the unfortunate. Most strangely our law compels a man to incur expense when he cannot pay his debts; we prevent him from earning when he has lost all; we shut him up from the society of his family and friends at the very moment when he most requires sympathy, and we visit the unfortunate with all the penal severity which should be the portion of the criminal. A more wretched prison than the Four Courts Marshalsea it was impossible to conceive, and it is something to learn that, at last, some concessions have been yielded to the remonstrances of the Press.

The greatest number of prisoners at any one time confined in the Marshalsea last year was 49. Eleven rooms are available for prisoners paying 2s. 6d. a week rent. Seventeen rooms are set apart for "first-class debtors," which means, we suppose, those who have failed for large sums, and are, consequently, expected to pay handsomely for the accommodation of their prison. In the lower yard are four "common hall rooms," containing four beds each. The prisoners in these rooms pay 4s. weekly for furniture and attendance. There are four pauper rooms, furnished to accommodate six men each. The report furnishes a proper commentary upon this system of accommodation. There were on the day of inspection 22 pauper prisoners in the Marshalsea, and of these NINE were in hospital, and that hospital, we are told, contains eight beds.

Still, the rooms have been painted and whitewashed, the walls have been scraped and newly plastered; new slips and weights have been added to the windows; apparatus has been erected for a constant supply of hot water; the pump has been put into working order; the yards have been cleaned and gravelled; the bath-house has been repaired; the sewers have been cleansed, "which occasionally "emitted an offensive and unwholesome effluvia"—all the windows in the prison are cleaned now every two months. This enumeration of improvements shows how much was required to be done to render this prison anything but a pest-house. In these improvements we have proof of the accuracy of all our strictures upon the management of this prison.

But the concluding paragraphs of the report speak of the increase of duty imposed upon the Deputy Marshal and the Store Keeper, and advocate an increase in their respective salaries. The salaries of the officers of the Marshalsea annually amount to £2,095 12s. 9d. That is the sum paid for keeping in safe custody an average of 41 debtors! The salary of the Deputy Marshal is already £150 a year, a sum amply sufficient to remunerate an officer who is a retired policeman. The Store Keeper's salary is £100 a year, a salary certainly not too low for the simple duties he has to perform. If the salary of the Deputy Marshal were raised, he would be placed above the Local Inspector, who is the officer responsible for the condition of the prison, and whose duties are both difficult and trying. As the Marshal's salary amounts to the enormous sum of £742 8s. 8d. a year, nearly four times as much as the Governor of Smithfield Convict Prison receives, any addition to the salary of the Deputy Marshal should be deducted from that of this official, instead of being placed upon ratepayers, or wrung from unfortunate captives.

The *Times* on the Dispute between England and America relative to the Island of San Juan:—

There is no class of her citizens of which America has better reason to be proud than of the officers of her army. Educated, for the most part, in the delightful and romantic solitude of West Point, shut out from the busy world around them by a gigantic chain of mountains on the one side and the circling course of the Hudson on the other, and subjected to a discipline which teaches them to command themselves and others, the officers of the American army join to a full share of the national intelligence an amount of modesty and gentleness which, we may be permitted to say, is not quite so universal among their fellow-countrymen as some other more brilliant qualities. In the pursuance of a profession peculiarly arduous and ill-remunerated, possessed of the knowledge which, according to the European system, is scattered among half a dozen services, thoroughly understanding the duties of infantry and cavalry officers, excellent artillerists and admirable engineers, the officers of the American army are among the bravest, the most enduring, and the most accomplished of their profession. We have in two wars had ample reason to respect their skill and daring, and while we have often had but too much reason to complain of the treatment we have received from statesmen who have sought to improve their political position by pandering to some popular prejudice against this country, we have had every reason to be satisfied with the gentlemanlike and considerate conduct of the officers of the American army.

It has been, however, at last our misfortune to light upon a signal exception, in a man who, it is quite evident, will leave nothing untried in order to embroil the United States with a nation which feels the heartiest good-will towards them, and has no other desire than that they should go on increasing year by year, and working out the destiny which a partial Fortune has reserved for them, if they will only be content with it. We cannot trace in the conduct of the American Government or of its military commanders—always with the exception of General Harney—the slightest wish to disturb the good understanding which has hitherto so happily prevailed between England and the United States on the western side of the American Continent. But Gen. Harney chose to seize upon an island which had hitherto remained in our undisputed possession, and the American claim to which we were perfectly willing to consider and discuss in the most amicable manner. He was permitted to land troops upon, and to take armed possession of, the Island of San Juan, on a pretence which he himself was forced to admit to be utterly groundless, and this at a time when, owing to our overpowering numerical superiority, the officer who offered us this unprovoked insult was entirely at our mercy. While he seized by armed violence the subject of contention, we contented ourselves with simple remonstrance and negociation, thus giving the most conclusive proof of our determination that if offences did occur they should not come from us. The Government of the President may, indeed, it must be allowed, in a conciliatory spirit. It did not, indeed, do what the occasion really demanded—recall and disavow General Harney, but it did the next best thing—it sent out General Scott, an officer deservedly looked up to by his fellow-countrymen, covered with laurels won in many a well-contested field, and possessing that moderate and conciliatory spirit which is so often the accompaniment of true bravery. General Scott, feeling, we suppose, from his instructions, some difficulty in absolutely overruling General Harney's ill-advised aggression, offered a joint occupation of the Island of San Juan, an offer which, though at first declined, we were afterwards willing to act upon. At this moment the northern point of the Island of San Juan is occupied by a British, and the southern by an American force, with an interval of fifteen miles between them—an interval, however, not sufficient to prevent the interchange of mutual civilities and good offices. This state of things is intolerable to General Harney, and he is evidently rack'ng his invention for some method by which he may put an end to it. He has removed the American officer in command, who, it seems, has "Englishi proclivities," and has replaced him by a commander of a very different character, the same gentleman whom he selected as his instrument when he first seized upon the island, and who, moreover, seems to have been removed from his post by General Scott, at the request of British authorities. Thus, having forcibly possessed his instrument, the General now proceeds to look about for a cause of quarrel. He issues his instructions to his officer, a copy of which he transmits to the English Admiral, and in which he repudiates altogether the proposition of General Scott for a joint occupation. He asserts that our troops were permitted to land on the island, whereas it is notorious that the superiority of force was entirely on our side, and declares that inasmuch as the Legislature of Washington Territory has been so good as to include the island still in dispute within the county of Whateom, any attempt to ignore this sovereignty will be attended with deplorable consequences. These proceedings, we must add, are in direct contradiction to the instructions of the Commander-in-Chief, and the sentiments of the President himself, who wishes that the status of either party should remain unchanged until the question as to the property in the island shall be finally decided.

This is all we know at present, but it is only too evident that General Harney is seeking for an occasion of offence against us, and if a step be not put to his mischievous career, he will most probably involve us in troubles from which there will be no honourable escape, except through the open portals of the Temple of Janus. We are always anxious, and we have no reason to be ashamed of being always anxious, to preserve the very best understanding with the United States. Our interests, private and public, our common origin, our common freedom, all plead strongly for forbearance. The United States have repeatedly done to this country things which no other Government in the world could have ventured on with impunity. Even in this case we have in the interest of peace submitted to an insult which has been not a little galling to our national pride. Nobody could have said that we acted without complete justification if we had refused to permit the United States to seize on the subject of dispute while the dispute itself was still undecided; but we now, at any rate, have reached the limit at which we will not say our motives will be misconstrued, but our courage will be very justly suspected. We have endured all that the most extreme desire for peace could call upon us to endure. We are now called upon to show that we have the courage to repel, as well as the moderation to overlook, an insult. The American Government has thought fit, most unfortunately, to retain in his command that General whose culpable breach of the duty which he owed to his country on the first occasion, and of the obedience due to his commanding officer on the second, have left us no reason to doubt that he is bent on creating a breach between the two countries. That portion of his instructions in which he contends that the rights of Great Britain are disposed of by the insolent usurpation of a subordinate American Assembly, and menaces violence if the usurpation be not respected, is a gross insult to this country, wantonly perpetrated by an officer to whose known ill-will the very delicate relations between England and the United States have been entrusted. We have a right to demand that an officer whose continuance in command has been proved to be inconsistent with a good understanding between the two nations shall be at once recalled, and we have, besides, a right to insist that, now America repudiates a joint occupation during negociations, and treats us as only present by sufferance, her forces shall be withdrawn from the island together with our own, and the whole matter left to a treaty, or if this may not be to the arbitration of a third Power. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that terms so reasonable can be rejected. We do not desire for a moment to insist upon the superiority of the resources of which at this moment we dispose. The island itself would not be worth one-hundredth part of the losses and calamities that must ensue from the interruption for a single week of a good understanding between the two countries; but there is a thing dearer even than land and wealth, and that thing is national honour. We have not called forth our young men from the peaceful avocations of ordinary life, and put arms in their hands, in order to exhibit to them in return for their heroic efforts the spectacle of a country which has no respect for herself, and invites, by her timidness, the injuries she dares not repel.

PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

London, Tuesday,

The decision of the Committee on Precedents, as announced in the *Times*, to-day, has given rise to a good deal of speculation and surprise! The Manchester men were getting angry at the report being held back so long, and now cannot understand how the *Times* could have got an inkling of it before the rest of the world. Many came down to the House of Commons last night, under the expectation that some intelligence would have been gleaned, but they returned as they came. Meanwhile, the Defence of the Constitution Committee are collecting subscriptions to keep up their pseudo agitation, and are willing to receive sums of from one shilling to five pounds from each individual in the nation.

Petitions were forwarded to the House of Lords last night, in favour of the Duke of Marlborough's motion, that the Holy Scriptures be not excluded by authority from the Government schools in India. They came from all parts of the country, and all denominations of Protestants—including amongst others, the committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. The Government were beaten last night in the Lords, in their desire to relieve themselve of a consular establishment at Mozambique. The question at issue was interesting to all who think that Great Britain should not, now-a-days, abandon the course of policy in reference to the slave trade upon which she has spent so much money and exertions. Lord Brougham and the Bishops of Oxford and Cashel were in the majority. Lord Talbot de Malahide voted with the minority.

The announcement made by the Attorney-General last night, that the principle of compensation was so mixed up with the principle of his Bankruptcy Bill as to compel him to withdraw the latter, owing to the Government being unsuccessful in passing the former, meets with little sympathy. The compensation clause was introduced in a kind of side wind, and but for the inquiring spirit of Sir Henry Willoughby would have escaped discov

spectators felt how strange were the wiles of nature, when the society afforded a pleasure which the season denied. The show was honoured, in the course of the day, by the presence of the Lord Lieutenant, who was attended by Mr. Hatchell, Private Secretary, and an aide-de-camp.

His Excellency was received at the gates by the committee—J. K. Boswell, Esq.; chairman; James Haughton, Esq.; L. E. Foot, Esq., V.P.; Messrs. Haughton, Wight, Darley, Purdon, &c. His Excellency went through the entire building, and on several occasions expressed his great gratification at the results of his inspection. He remained upon the grounds for a very considerable time. In the evening, the hall was illuminated by fifteen perforated gas-lights, each containing several burners. The attendance on this occasion was even more numerous than in the daytime, and up to eleven o'clock the scene presented a variegated and most novel appearance. Every praise is due to the excellent military bands which performed in the morning and evening. That of the 1st Royal Dragoons was particularly effective, while the 76th executed, under the direction of J. Regazzoli, several pieces with no less successful results. In the evening the band of the 1st Royals, under F. Heidlemann, performed during daylight on the ground outside, and at dusk in the hall.

LATEST NEWS.

(BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH).

Irish Times Office,
Four o'clock, a.m

GERMANY.

The *New Prussian Gazette* says that the statement as to a projected marriage between the Hereditary Prince Louis of Hesse Darmstadt and the Princess Alice of England is well founded, and that the recent visit of the two Hessian Princes to London was relative to the proposed union. Prince Louis was born in 1837, and is heir presumptive to the Throne of the Grand Duke of Hesse.

NAPLES.

Great interest is felt as to the effect which the promulgation of a constitution, by the King of Naples, will have upon the ulterior movements of Garibaldi.

The Paris letter of the *Daily News* states that unless France means to abandon the policy of non-intervention, and to back up the King of Naples by material help, his promise of a constitution, far from obstructing the march of events in favour of Italian unity, will be regarded as an piteous confession of weakness, and will strengthen Garibaldi's cause.

PALERMO.

Genoa, Wednesday.—Advices from Palermo state that the Government have published an electoral law. Prince Torrearsa, and Signors Pisani and Guaneri, have resigned.

TURKEY.

Constantinople, via Marseilles, June 20th.—1,000 soldiers were sent to Beyrout. The garrison of Damascus have committed acts of pillage. The Governors of Damascus, Aleppo, and Smyrna have been removed of office. The Christians received with joy the intelligence that the Porte was instituting an inquiry into the recent disturbances. The troops which have been sent to restore order are, however, insufficient, and massacres are always feared. The Christian inhabitants of Cyprus are emigrating *en masse* to Greece. Hassan Bey has been sent on a tour through the empire, in order to institute inquiries. The Marquis de Lavallette has given 3,000 francs, to the sufferers by the late fire. To-day the fire re-commenced for the eleventh time since breaking out, but now shows signs of subsiding.

THE CAPE MAILS.

Plymouth, Wednesday.—The Dane, with the above mails, arrived here this evening, with 52 passengers and a full cargo. Her dates are, Cape, May 22nd; St. Helena, June 1st; and Ascension, June 5th. Much satisfaction was expressed at the Cape, at the coming return of Sir George Grey, and the expected visit of Prince Alfred. Preparations were being made to give him a right loyal welcome. Government affairs were much neglected, and were left to stand over until the return of the Governor. A Parliamentary Finance Committee had been appointed to consider whether the Government of the Colony can be carried on with the present revenue. Some method of direct taxation was expected. A motion had been made in the House of Assembly for instituting a responsible Government. The dissolution of the House was expected to take place at the close of the session. A census was ordered to be taken in March, 1861. The schedules contain 74 distinct questions—one of which being, "How many pigs have you?" The Convict Exclusive Bill had passed both Houses. The subject of more frequent mails to England had been brought before Parliament—a fortnightly mail was wanted. Canteens had been shut up to prevent drunkenness. The population on the Kaffir border was very unsettled. A Dutch Reform Church conference on ecclesiastical subjects had been held. The Church of England financial question was still unsettled. Major-General Bolton was dead.

Commercial.—Business very dull, and no speculation is going on; rate of discount had advanced. The Bank is allowing 4 per cent. interest on deposits. White wine is quoted £10; pontac, £15; sweet wine, £16; brandy, £11; wool—unwashed, 11d to 1s; washed, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; nothing of importance from the Orange free state.

Southampton, Wednesday.—The Saxonia and America (Cunard's s.s. Saxonia, which left New York on the 6th, arrived off the Needles at 11-50 p.m.

AMERICA.

Queenstown, Wednesday Evening,—The (s.s.) City Baltimore, of the Liverpool, New York, and Philadelphia Company's Line, arrived off here at 7-30 p.m. from New York, on 16th. Landed passengers, &c., and proceeded onward for Liverpool, at 8 p.m. She brings 1,068 dols. in specie. She passed the Royal Mail steamer Persia, outward bound, on 26th. News anticipated.

The Etna, the first of the Cunard screw fleet calling at this port, arrived here this afternoon, and embarked a large number of passengers, latest telegrams, and proceeded to sea again at 8-15 p.m. All well.

THE MAILS FOR AMERICA, VIA GALWAY.

Galway, Wednesday.—The mails for America were sent to Dublin by the 1 p.m train, *en route* for Londonderry, in compliance with the strict orders of the post-office received to-day. A telegram subsequently arrived countermanding their despatch by the Parana. They were transferred to the down train at Ballinasloe, and will reach here at 3-30 p.m.

INAUGURATION OF A SCHOOL OF ART AT LAMBETH.

Wednesday, June 27.—This afternoon, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales laid the first stone of the Lambeth School of Art, on the site of the old Vauxhall Gardens.

DERBY SHOW.

The Royal Dublin Show, in the new Kilmore-street, commences on the 3rd of July.

The provincial corn markets, on Tuesday, are reported quiet, and trade with prices, as tending downwards.

The Venetian and the Dream are reported from Melbourne, with gold valued at £108,000.

In all the churches of Rouen, on Sunday, a pastoral letter of the Archbishop was read, recommending the faithful to subscribe to the Papal Loan. The Bishop of Arras has addressed a similar letter to the faithful of his diocese.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Yesterday.

The Speaker took the chair at 12 o'clock.

LABOURERS' COTTAGES BILL.

The Labourers' Cottages (Scotland) Bill passed through committee.

BLEACHING AND DYEING WORKS.

The House went into committee on the Bleaching and Dyeing Works Bill. On the 1st clause,

Sir H. CAIRNS moved an amendment exempting from the operation of the act linen yarn and cambric works.

On a division, the amendment was carried by 190 to [illegible]

Mr. EGERTON moved the following amendment in lieu of the clause:—That it shall be lawful to employ male and young persons in bleaching and dyeing works from six in the morning till eight afternoon, except on Saturdays; and on Saturdays from six in the morning till half-past four in the afternoon, provided that they be allowed for a meal half an hour between eight and eleven; one hour between eleven and four; and (except on Saturday) half an hour between four and six in the afternoon.

On a division, the amendment was negatived by 256 to [illegible]

Some discussion took place as to the exemption of linen yarn and dyeing works from the operation of the act, which was agreed to.

Mr. BUCHANAN moved that the act should not extend to premises used *bona fide* for the purpose of carrying on the process of dyeing fancy or other coloured yarn. After some discussion this amendment was withdrawn.

The remainder of the sitting was occupied with the consideration of the clauses.

The other business was disposed of, and the House adjourned at 5-55 p.m.

NEWCASTLE RACES—June 27.

Grand Plate—Prudence, 1st; Dutchman, 2nd; Sambo, 3rd. [illegible]

Northumberland Plate—First Lord, 1; Butterfly, 2; Dundee, 3. 12 ran.

Commercial Visitors' Plate—Spitoful Dick, 1; Bruce, 2; Scout, 3. 4 ran.

Queen's Plate—Scimitar, 1st; Tinker, 2nd; Baronet, 3rd.

Second Visitors' Plate—Syringe, 1st; Grenadier, 2nd; Sultan, 3rd. Ten ran.

CHELMSFORD RACES—June 27.

Stakes—Kincardine, 1; Yorkshire Grey, 2.

Handicap—Argus, 1; Wee Polly, 2.

Purse Plate—Antioch, 1st; Gem, 2nd; Audrey, 3rd.

Stakes—Westerbound, 1st; Longlegs, 2nd; Pretty, 3rd.

SHIPPING.

Belfast.—Wind S.—Arrived—Tasso, from Baltimore; Maria Antoinette, from Wexford; Thetis, from Mossiel.

OPEN AIR PREACHING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that on yesterday afternoon the Revds. Robert Hewitt, general missionary, and Mr. Cardwell, two Wesleyan Ministry Students, exhibited (as they are annually wont to do) on the steps of the Custom House, in Sackville-place, for the purpose of holding an open-air meeting, and they were prevented by the police in charge of those premises.

Proceeding that across the present in front, they placed themselves between the corner of the large brick building opposite No. 1, Sackville-place (Mrs. E. Carroll's boarding-house), and the lofty iron double railings at the extreme end of the ground, entirely away from any thoroughfare, and where no passenger whatever has any occasion to approach even within forty yards; but, strange to say, the inspector of police (C division) came forward and told them that if they attempted to address the assemblage, or gather a crowd, he would at once take them into custody.

In vain did the Rev. Mr. Campbell offer any security for peace and good order; in vain did he produce three preceptive letters—One from the Metropolitan Police Office, where Col. Brown was one of the commissioners; one from Sir Duncan MacGregor; and one from Inspector-General Brownrigg. At length the assemblage moved inside the suspended chains, and here a multitude assembled, to the number of about one thousand souls, who listened attentively for two hours and quietly dispersed with what they heard. The parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, together with Paul's arsenal of his not being "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," were the subjects dwelt on. There were a few of the "sensills" of the city present, chiefly youngsters, who now and then gave a laugh about of disinclination, but all ultimately settled down into a "calm repose," but certainly the police were not the parties to disturb, as they were "lost to sight," though, query, "to memory dear."

The decision of the two judges in a lawsuit four years ago, on this subject, and which cost the Wesleyan body £10, seems little cared for now-a-days in Dublin. It runs thus—"A minister of religion has every right to speak in the open air, provided he does not stop the thoroughfare, or use irritating language, calculated to lead to a breach of the peace."

Whether sectarian influences has anything to do with the conduct of the inspector I cannot say, but it looks very like it; though, perhaps, it was through lack of that discrimination which should be possessed by every officer whose province it is to protect the peace of the community.

A Looker-on.

THE COMET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—The comet, which is announced in some of the London and Liverpool papers of this morning as having been seen on Saturday evening, was seen on board the Arabia, from Boston for Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, June 20. My attention was called to it a little before 11 o'clock, ship's time, the position of the ship being about lat. 51 deg. N., long. 21 deg. W.

The bearing of the comet at that time, as nearly as I could judge, was North 10 deg., or 12 deg. W., and at an elevation of 7 or 8 deg. The vicinity of heavy clouds prevented my fixing its position by comparison with neighbouring stars. The nucleus and tail were distinctly visible to the naked eye, notwithstanding a very sensible twilight. With the ship's glass it was quite brilliant. The nucleus was well defined, growing brighter and brighter towards the centre, and of a reddish colour. The tail was narrow, and extended vertically upwards from the nucleus—I think 5 or 6 deg.

I have looked for it on several evenings since, but the cloudiness of the weather has prevented my seeing it.

It is my impression that this is a new comet, and that it must have passed the perihelion two or three days before it was seen. It is difficult otherwise to account for its sudden and unusual brilliancy.—Yours, very respectfully,

Alexis Caswell.

Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, June 25.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Programme of music to be performed at the Summer Exhibition, at Salthill, to-day:—

79TH REGIMENT.

1	Overture—"Zampa"	Herold.
2	Selection—"Satanella"	Balfe.
3	Galop—"Submarine"	Koenig.
4	Aria—"Thekla"	Mozart.
5	Polka—"Louis d'Or"	Schoendee.
6	Fantasia—"Reminiscences of Auber"	Godfrey.
7	Valse—"Dream of the Rose"	Burkhardt.
8	Selection—"Fra Diavolo"	Auber.

J. Regazzoli, Bandmaster.

2ND STAFFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

1	Overture—"Fra Diavolo"	Auber.
2	Quadrille—"Glasgow"	Guernsey.
3	Selection—"Rose of Castille"	Balfe.
4	Valse—"Titania"	Godfrey.
5	Selection—"Traviata"	Verdi.
6	Valse—"Violante"	D'Albert.
7	Selection—"Irish Airs"	Holt.
8	Galop—"Officers' Call"	Calcott.

H. R. Calcott, Bandmaster.

God save the Queen.

A statement appeared a few days since in a contemporary generally remarkable for the correctness of its information, that Mr. John M. Feard, a gentleman of good position in the South of Ireland, had become a pervert to the Church of Rome. Mr. Feard has, however, addressed the following letter to the editor of the *Cork Constitution*, denying the truth of the statement:—

Dauntsey, Cappquin, June 23rd, '60.

Sir,—I beg to give a most emphatic contradiction to a statement in your paper, copied from the Dublin *Freeman*, that I had become a convert to the Church of Rome, for which there is not a shadow of foundation.

I am a conscientious and attached member of the Church of England.—I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

John M. Feard, Sir.

THE GORTLETERA (CO. LEITRIM) AFFAIR.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The whole of the forces assembled on the above place to-day, numbering altogether some thousands, and presented a most formidable appearance. Lord Leitrim acted a most formidable appearance. Lord Leitrim acted most personally, and accompanied by the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and Sub-Sheriff, and received it without resorting to physical force. The chapel door was left open, and the Sheriff having taken possession according to the form prescribed by law, handed over the key of the building to two trustees, who were authorised to conduct all forms and ceremonies therein as formerly. Thus the affair has ended—no single object being gained, except that his lordship has established his right to the possession of it, which, after all, is no great victory.

The Molyneux Young Men's Christian Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held on to-morrow (Friday) evening, 29th inst., at 45, Molesworth-street, to commence at 8 o'clock precisely. Scripture portion to be considered—Hebrews 12th chapter. A lecture will be delivered by a friend of the association. Subject—"Arctic Enterprise and Arctic Heroes."

Mr. Rutledge, 30, Mountpleasant-square, begs to acknowledge the receipt of 10s., restitution money, sent anonymously, on Tuesday last, 26th.

Sir Benjamin Brodie having resigned the office of President of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom, the Council, on Saturday, elected Mr. Joseph Henry Green, F.R.S., their president in his room.

Kew Gardens.—The large masses and beautiful clumps of rhododendrons and other American plants on each side of the grand promenade are now in full flower.

Inauguration of the Hogg Monument.—The *Scotsman* announces that the monument to the Ettrick Shepherd, opposite Tibby Shiels' cottage, between St. Mary's Lake and the Loch of the Lowes, is to be formally inaugurated this day, and the event is naturally exciting great interest in the district.

The Tea Trade, June 25.—The deliveries in London estimated for the week were 908,120lb., which is a decrease of 441,291lb. compared with the previous statement.

The Weather and the Crops in Sussex.—Considerable anxiety prevails as to the weather. A favourable change has, it is true, been experienced during the past week, and Sunday was marked by a decided improvement in temperature and sunny influence. Heavy rain again fell on Monday, and there seems as yet no sort of indication that settled weather is likely to visit us. Some improvement may be seen in the appearance of the crops, especially on the best soils, and we are disposed to believe that, on these, average growths would even now be attained should dry and warm weather set in. Every day of continued rain operates now, however, with cumulative effect, and with a wet "blooming" time serious mischief must ensue. On the thin and badly-farmed soils much mischief has already been effected, and further wet must greatly increase it. Though no alarmists, and knowing with what rapidity settled and seasonable heat works out the most beneficial results, it is impossible to contemplate the present state of things without serious uneasiness. We can only express the hope that a change may speedily ensue. As regards the haymaking, some little progress has been made during the week, and we hear of crops made and stacked in very fair condition. Dry and warm weather is, however, greatly needed.—*Sussex Advertiser.*

A local paper publishes an interesting account of the working of the gold mines in Eastern Siberia in the year 1859. The quantity of gold extracted was upwards of 1,134 poods (the pood is nearly 84lb.) This was 87 poods more than in 1858. The number of companies occupied in extracting gold was 160, and there were employed 26,112 men and 575 women belonging to the Government of Siberia, and 5,081 men and 29 women from Great Russia. The total number was nearly 5,000 fewer than in the preceding year, and the falling off was caused by the dearness of provisions. In the course of the year 1,077 men engaged took to flight, but 366 of them were captured, and 345 persons died. The number of horses employed was 15,284.

Fire in a Cotton Mill.—On Tuesday evening a few minutes before six o'clock, the blowing room of Messrs. James Gilmour and Co.'s cotton mill, Bradford Road, Manchester, was discovered to be on fire. Mr. Gilmour, his manager, and some workpeople on entering the room found a quantity of cotton waste in flames, and the heat and smoke was so intense that it was impossible to remain in the place more than a moment. The apartment is fireproof, and the iron doors connecting with the mixing-room, which contained a large quantity of mixed cotton, were closed and further jets of steam turned into the place. A hose was also attached to the force pump, and the jet directed through one of the windows. After considerable exertions, an entrance was effected in the room, and in about an hour and a half the fire was completely extinguished. Half an hour after the discovery of the fire, fearing that their efforts would not be successful, Mr. Gilmour despatched messengers to the Town's Yard, and Mr. Rose and his brigade, with three engines, lost no time in reaching the spot. Their services, however, in consequence of the energy displayed by the workpeople and others, were not required. The damage is estimated at about £500, which will be covered by insurance in the Norwich Union and Phœnix Offices. The fire commenced in one of the blowing machines, and it is fortunate that the room was fireproof, otherwise the most serious consequences might have occurred, as the mill, a seven storyed building, is one of the largest in Manchester.

KIRKGATE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY FOR IRELAND.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Auxiliary to this important society was held in the Rope Walk, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening. The Rev. Dr. M'Neile presided, and amongst others on the platform were the Right Rev. the Bishop of Mauritius, the Ven. Archdeacon of Warrington, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, C. W. Cousins, Rev. Charles Cousins, the Revs. Dr. Cowan, J. James, R. C. King, J. J. Butler, H. Westwort, J. F. M'Callan, W. M. Fallows, Major Nicholls, Messrs. Adam Rodgers, J. K. Breadbrooke, H. Lawrence, &c., &c.

The Chairman opened the proceedings with an able address, in the course of which he explained the conduct of the Government in leaving the support of the scriptural education of the children of the faithful, the patient, the ill-used and persevering Protestants of Ireland, entirely to voluntary contribution, as arising from the view which it took that as a Government it had no religious conscience at all, but must deal with the finances and powers of the state with even-handed justice between man and man as if there were no revelation from God at all. Referring to the opposition manifested for the last 30 years of a large majority of the Irish clergy to the "National system" of education, he said those clergymen maintained their opposition because they felt that although as a matter of fact it might not be possible for them to put the Bible as a book of instruction into the hands of all the people in their parishes, they were not justified in doing an act which would make them parties to withholding the Bible from any one; and he censured in strong terms the conduct of those who, he had heard, could avail themselves of state assistance without any misgiving of conscience, but were intimidated by the reproach which would fall upon them as traitors to the scriptural principle, saying that thought nothing could justify a Christian man in systematic antagonism to the powers that be except conscience towards God, and he was deeply grieved to find that there were among his dear brethren in Ireland those who had been persevering in such antagonism for years, merely through fear of man.

After a few remarks from the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, the meeting was addressed by

The Ven. Archdeacon of Waterford, who explained the circumstances under which the "national system" of education was established in Ireland. He said the clergy had worked for many years a system, one of the fundamental rules of which was that all children freely entering these schools for education should be daily instructed in the Scriptures. That system was successfully worked, but an outcry was raised against it by the Roman Catholic clergy, and that outcry was so constantly and so confidently repeated that people in high places began to believe it, and it was ultimately resolved to set aside all the then existing systems and to establish a new one. At the time that resolution was come to there was only one society receiving Government aid. That society received £20,000 per annum, and it had 1,520 schools, with 137,000 scholars, one-third of whom were Roman Catholics. The new system proposed to exclude the Scriptures, and those clergymen who refused to put up on schools under that system were deprived of all pecuniary aid. A large body of the clergy at once found themselves in opposition to the Government, and they had maintained that position of antagonism, painful though it was, for nearly thirty years. All they asked was that they should not be compelled to admit into their schools, as the price of State support, those who were unwilling to receive religious instruction at their hands. They were not opposed to grants in aid, but they contended that no grant of money should be put absolutely under the control of any ecclesiastical body, whether Protestant or Catholic. They desired that the State, wherever it gave money for education, should keep control over that money, and see that it obtained value for its money in a good, sound secular education to the children; but they should not account the money on the condition that they should surrender the Word of God in their schools. (Applause.)

A collection was then made, amounting to upwards of £11, after which the meeting was addressed by the Bishop of Mauritius and Major Archdale on the importance of scriptural education.

THE METROPOLITAN HALL—SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Yesterday (Wednesday) evening the third of the Special Religious Services was held in the above-named hall, at eight o'clock, when the Rev. G. B. MacDonald, Manchester, was the preacher. The attendance was numerous and respectable. The service was commenced with singing the beautiful hymn, "Crown Him Lord of all, &c," at the end of which the preacher offered a long, earnest, and very spirit-moving prayer. He next read a Scripture lesson from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, in which the prophet rebukes the incredulity of the people, and depicts the sufferings of the Saviour. He took texts from the First Epistle General of St. John, and the second chapter of the Book of Revelations, in the 4th and 5th verses; the substance of both texts being that "God is love." He (Mr. MacDonald) commenced his discourse by saying that the writings of St. John presented them with fine specimens of tender and devotional language. No one looked to them for great subtlety of argument or eloquence of diction; because John was, most probably, the humble companion of our blessed Lord in his youth, and had been only a poor fisherman. Consequently, they were not to expect refinement, subtlety, and polish in his writings. The regard the Lord had for him was shown in the way he (St. John) was spoken of as that disciple" whom the Lord loved." In the second text, where the apostle was spoken to, he was seated alone in the Island of Patmos, when he had presented to him a splendid panoramic view of all that should befal the church up till the end of time. The descriptions, in the form of doxology, were the most sublime which had ever been uttered. The text was rich in evangelical truth. The principle actuating God and in the work of human redemption was a strange pity for sinners, but that of love. This was the key to the character of their Saviour, and no other was. The two texts he had read to them, and which stated that "God is love," presented them with the true key to His character. Heathenism always represented Deity in an unamiable light—represented him as an object to be feared, and not loved. But the Bible represented Him in the truth light. The motive of the Saviour in coming to save them was not mere pity for them, but love, self-originating and self-continued. He found in in the depths of his nature a stream of mercy coming from it was wider and deeper at the mouth, and was thus unlike the great rivers of the earth, as the Nile and the Niger, which grew narrower as they went towards the source, until the traveller could leap over them at their sources. But, unlike them, the river which "maketh glad the city of our God," broadened and deepened as they approached to its source, the mercy seat of their Father, and there no line or plummet could fathom it. He next considered the character of the Almighty, and said that His holiness awed him, His justice made him afraid, but His love subdued him. It was this part of His character which wooed and won human souls. Half truths in relation to the characters of the Deity were like whole falsehoods. This was an axiom in morals, and it it was true in them. It was still more true in theology. The Saviour was the embodied love of God, and it was only by studying the character of Him in the Bible that they were able to understand the declaration of the text, "God is love." He next proceeded to show that this was not a mere abstract truth, which were oftentimes so hard to grapple with by many minds, but one they could realise for themselves. They could gaze on Jesus of Nazareth at Calvary, and hear Him speak for them, see His eye flash, &c.; and if though great was the mystery of godliness, God manifested in the flesh, yet he would answer for it that if they would put their trust in Him and believe in Him, they would find that His love was a great reality. The most stupendous miracle which the Lord had wrought was, without doubt, the raising of Lazarus from the grave. Painters had thought this, and made it the subject for their great masterpieces in art. He described at considerable length, and with much pathos, the appearance of some of the great artists' works, but said that they (the paintings) did not realise the reality of the scene, which was drawn from a bystander by inspiration, "See how this man loved." The character of his love St. Paul had tried to measure, but failed; and although he was a man of such natural abilities, that he would probably have become eminent in any age, yet he had to acknowledge that this (the Saviour's) love "passeth knowledge." The preacher continued to follow the subject at great length further, and to illustrate it with very striking illustrations, which told well on the auditory. His discourse was characterized by great earnestness, and a homely style of eloquence which every one could understand. The service was concluded with singing and the pronouncing of the blessing; after which, the company dispersed about ten o'clock.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Tuesday, June 26.

Irish Appointments.

Mr. CONOLLY moved that this House, having regard to certain appointments made by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, is of opinion that fitness has not been primarily considered in these Appointments. That this House is further of opinion that the incautious and incontinent use of the prerogative of the Crown has prejudicial to the public service. The hon. gentleman said he held it to be one of the proudest privileges of a free subject of her Majesty to be allowed to stand up in that House and impeach the conduct and bring forward any accusation against any officer of the Crown, no matter how high his dignity. Holding that opinion, while he deemed it a matter of serious duty to bring under the consideration of the House the appointments lately made by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, he should not allow a single word to escape his lips derogatory to the personal character of the illustrious nobleman whom her Majesty had honoured by selecting him for the honour of representing the Crown in the sister country. But he would apply himself at once to the subject before the House, the gravity of which could not be enhanced by any word of his. If it were true that the accusations he had to bring against that distinguished individual were founded on fact, then it would be high time that the nobleman should be recalled from a position which he was no longer fit to hold, and which he (Mr. Conolly) thought it was contrary to the public interest he should hold one moment longer. ("Oh," and laughter.) Hon. members might think this bold language, but they had had great provocation. (Renewed laughter.) He did not speak simply of the appointment of Mr. Acheson Lyle to the lord-lieutenancy of the county of Londonderry, although he would say that a greater insult was never passed on a free magistracy of a free country; and when a county which had played an undistinguished part in the history of these islands was subjected to a studied insult, those who valued its high position had a right to feel warmly on the subject. His assertion had had the honour of holding the valued post which had now been deliberately given to the late Sir Hobart Fergusson—a most estimable man certainly, and unimpeachable in all the relations of life, yet he was not of that rank in the county upon which it was to be conferred. Everything that a Whig Government could do had been done to dishonour the name of that great and famous county, and this last act did little credit to the hand or to the heart of the nobleman opposite indulging in a laugh. Hon. gentlemen thought proper to laugh when it was the county of Londonderry that was the object of their jest; but he would remind them that their own counties might be next in turn, and then perhaps they would not laugh. Having now opened the case—(much interruption)—he would proceed to speak of that notorious appointment of Mr. Acheson Lyle. The subject had been largely discussed in another place, but he was bound to say that those who made and supported the motion there were thoroughly ignorant of its details. He must be allowed to comment on the answer made by the responsible minister of the Crown. The Earl of Carlisle was there in his place. (Cries of "Order.")

The SPEAKER said the hon. member must conclude his case without referring to the noble earl by name.

Mr. CONOLLY—With reference to Mr. Lyle he would simply say that, whether his estate in the county were £1,600 a year or £1,600 a year, he was not of that order of men upon whom lords-lieutenant were usually taken. The system now being carried out by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland was one calculated in his opinion to bring down most grievous evils on that country. It was a system which had been a curse to that once unhappy but he would now say hopeful country—a system of betting the north against the south, and of hounding on Protestants against Roman Catholics; and if persevered in it would rob Ireland of the advantages she was deriving from that wonderful energy and industry which were now raising her from a position of misery to be the first country in the world. They had hoped that those Ireland which would blot out such an odious policy. Things were at an end, and he sincerely trusted that the result of this debate would be to kindle a public feeling in At the present day acts of this kind, merely for the purpose of bolstering up the decadence of a declining faction, were not to be tolerated. (Hear, hear.) Instead of governing Ireland by the greater lights, which ought to influence the minds of statesmen, it was now sought to do so by means of place and patronage. He spoke not of Mr. Lyle's property; but said he was not a man of that class from which the lords-lieutenant of such a distinguished, high-minded, and high-spirited county as Londonderry ought to be taken. He was formerly taxing master of the Court of Chancery in Ireland. The present Lord-Lieutenant placed him there, and had since taken care that he was promoted and his nest well feathered. From a Whig Government Mr. Lyle got £2,500 a year for himself, £800 a year for his son, and £1,100 a year for his son-in-law, being a total of £4,500 paid by the public to the family. Was it right, then, that Mr. Lyle should be placed at the head of the unpaid magistracy of that distinguished and loyal county; and what confidence could they have in such a man, when, after he had received that distinguished mark of the Viceroy's favour, he went down to the county and recorded his vote for Mr. Greer, who was reproduced by every respectable and independent man in the county? Backed up by the Whig Government, not only he, but his son and son-in-law voted for Mr. Greer, who was so estimated by his fellow-citizens that he would never stand on the same hustings again. If the Government did not more advance their cause in other counties in Ireland by jobbing away their patronage than they had done in the free and famous Londonderry, they would have very little chance of support in Ireland. For Mr. Lyle himself he (Mr. Conolly) had the most unfounded feeling of respect. "o begged pardon for that slip of the tongue; he meant he had great respect for him. He knew him as taxing master, an office which he filled very efficiently; he knew him as a gentleman, and was in the habit of seeing him on a high stool in that capacity, and presiding over the magistracy of a great county. The mere fact of his being eligible for the one office almost made him ineligible for the other. Though his character and conduct entitled him to every respect, his new appointment was a most unfortunate circumstance, for when he went with all his pluness, and announced in the grand jury-room that he had been appointed lord-lieutenant of the county, the announcement was received in solemn silence, and not one of the grand jury rose up to welcome him. A more unfortunate position for a rich man to be placed in he could not possibly conceive, and Lord Carlisle's position was no less pitiable. The gentry of Londonderry were very much opposed to all Whigs, and Mr. Lyle was the only black sheep in the flock. He had coupled himself with Mr. Greer, the Whig candidate at the last election, but the result was that if they went on one side of the street, every honest man would go on the other. When Mr. Lyle came to exercise the authority of his office every one treated him with contempt, and by his appointment Lord Carlisle had done more harm than by all the folly he ever spoke in his life. But he did not rely wholly upon Mr. Lyle's case; there was another lord-lieutenant, chosen by Lord Carlisle, the consequences of whose appointment was still more calamitous. He spoke of Mr. Tennison, who had lately been transferred from the lord-lieutenancy of Leitrim to that of Roscommon. In this case, as in the other, fitness was not considered, and the result would be eminently prejudicial to the public service. The facts were first brought to light by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland himself, and it appeared that Mr. Tennison by himself and his agent, had made a backstairs complaint against as honourable a man as ever held the position of sheriff in Ireland, namely, a charge of subornation of perjury against Mr. Patrick Balfe. In consequence of that complaint, Mr. Balfe's name was removed from the head of the list of persons qualified for the office of sheriff, and upon a statement made behind his back—an infamous slander, as it turned out to be—his name was erased from the list. Now, Mr. Balfe was a Roscommon gentleman, farming his own land, one of the largest cattle dealers, and one of the greatest enthusiasts on the breeding of cattle in the west of Ireland. Every one knew him to be a high-minded and straightforward gentleman, and no one could say a word against him; yet his reputation had been whispered away by an odious slander. The fact was that Mr. Balfe had made himself personally disagreeable to Mr. Tennison by voting, although he was a Roman Catholic, for the Conservative candidate at the election for the county of Roscommon, and by opposing Mr. Tennison, who was a Radical, and in the event of another election it was thought desirable to have a partisan in his place as sheriff. He (Mr. Conolly) was afraid that the Whig prestige was on the wane in Roscommon as it was in Londonderry, and as it would be also in Tipperary. He charged against Lord Carlisle that appointments had been made by him, in which fitness was not considered primarily considered, but political partisanship—that the prerogative of the Crown in the appointment of sheriffs had been administered in an improper and incautious manner, and that such scandals had been in consequence created as were not creditable to the public service, nor conducive to the course of peace and good order in Ireland. He concluded by moving the resolution.

Mr. GREGORY had intended, when the appointment of Mr. Lyle was discussed on a previous occasion, to express his disapprobation of it, but since then he had taken some pains to satisfy himself as to the facts, and was now convinced that the Government was not open to censure in the matter. He considered the explanation given by Lord Carlisle in the House of Lords entirely satisfactory. Abstractedly the appointment was objectionable, the avocation and qualifications of Mr. Lyle being, as he thought, inconsistent with the duties of a lord-lieutenant, who ought to be a person of local knowledge and local influence; and considering that all the prizes in Ireland were given to the bar, he contended that at least the unpaid office of lord-lieutenant should be held by county gentlemen. Londonderry was, however, an exceptional county in this respect. The land was almost wholly occupied by the great city companies of London. There were very few landlords of liberal opinions, and the Conservative landed proprietors were also very few as compared with the other Irish counties. He entirely acquitted the Government of those charges that had been brought against them, but he thought they ought not to allow Mr. Brewster, considering the position he had held at the Irish bar for twenty years, to remain without promotion. He believed that the general opinion of the Irish bar was that Mr. Brewster had superior claims to the office of Lord Chancellor to those of Mr. Brady. The Secretary for Ireland went to that country with a great reputation for social attractive ability, and he was not a man who would lend himself to anything that had a questionable aspect. But the paths to Dublin Castle were slippery, devious, and dirty paths, and he cautioned the right hon. gentleman to distrust those guides who would lead them for reasons of their own into those paths.

Mr. CARDWELL said, when the hon. member for Donegal was speaking, he was at first perplexed to know whether he intended to conclude with a serious attack. His hon. friend brought forward as the main subject of his speech a charge which had been already twice discussed—once in that House and twice in another place, where his noble friend who was the object of the attack had the opportunity, in his own forcible and graceful language, of explaining the motives of his conduct. The major part of the charge which the hon. and erudite gentleman had brought had no reference at all to the notes which he had put on the paper. One charge was as to the appointment of Mr. Acheson Lyle to the Lord-Lieutenancy of Londonderry, and the other as to the appointment of Mr. Tennison to the Lord-Lieutenancy of Roscommon, which took place before the present Government was formed. With regard to the case of Mr. Lyle, the circumstances were these:—The county of Londonderry was owned, as to four-fifths of it, by the London companies. There were two peers who had land in the county; one of them was Lord Garvagh, who did not reside on property of his own in the county, and the other was the late Lord Stafford. Among the other landowners whose fortunes qualified them for the office of lord-lieutenant was Mr. Acheson Lyle, whose fortune was larger than that of his predecessor. He had long been connected with the county, and was about to take up his permanent residence in it as a country gentleman. With regard to Mr. Lyle's qualifications, he would rather give it in the words of his noble friend:—"As to his still more personal qualities, I know him to be judicious, discreet, scholar-like, unblemished in character in the whole course of his life. In short, he is made of just the stuff to fit him to be a lieutenant, and to enable him adequately to perform the duties of that office." His hon. friend said that when Mr. Lyle went into the grand jury-room twenty-six of the grand jury would not salute him. He really could not enter into a question of that kind. He thought when the hon gentleman said that this was a fact, that it was not a conclusive one against the fitness of the appointment of Mr. Lyle. His Honourable friend made a charge of their having displaced a man from the office of sheriff by vague rumour, and that this was like assassination in the dark. When that gentleman's name appeared on the list, his noble friend received a letter containing a substantive charge against him in reference to the last election for the county. His noble friend did not think it right to appoint him sheriff of the county till that charge had been met and disposed. He did not act in the dark, but he afforded him an opportunity of meeting the charge. (Mr. Conolly: "When?") At the time that it occurred—at the early part of last December. Then, with regard to another charge. The hon. gentleman said Mr. Ormsby Gore was not permitted to resign the office of sheriff, and that that permission was refused in order to prevent him from becoming a candidate for the county. Now the fact was that the case was submitted to the law officers of the Crown, and that they advised his noble friend that they had not the power to grant the permission; therefore the charge against his noble friend was that he did not violate the law. The hon. gentleman drew an invidious contrast, because he said he permitted the present Baron Hughes to be absent from the assizes in order to become a candidate. But that was legal, whereas the other was illegal. The next charge was more extraordinary still. The hon. gentleman had brought a charge against Judge Perrin, who, he said, in five counties, selected sheriffs to serve the purposes of the Government. Now he did not think it right to bring charges against absent men without notice. But he would say it was not the duty of a judge to take implicitly the direction of the sheriff or under-sheriff, as to the names to be selected. Why, it was only on Friday last that an hon. gentleman on the opposite side of the House complained that the judges were in the habit of being influenced by the sheriff and under-sheriff. He (Mr. Cardwell) knew nothing of the case, but he was confident that Judge Perrin was influenced by no such motive as that which had been attributed to him. He (Mr. Cardwell) had heard with regret the charges of the hon. gentleman—charges brought against one whose whole public life had been identified with the sister kingdom, the qualities of whose heart and mind peculiarly fitted him to win the sympathies of a warm-hearted and generous people, and who had attracted to himself the universal affection and esteem of those over whom the favour of his sovereign had placed him.

Colonel FRENCH said he was not one of those who agreed in the eulogium on the Lord-Lie

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

(FROM THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE GLOBE.)

PARIS, Monday Evening.

The American Minister at Naples, Mr. Chandler, by the threat of a Yankee frigate in the bay, has carried his point; and the clipper at Gaeta, with its passengers and cargo, are let free to walk the waters. The Piedmontese Ambassador has been equally successful as to the steam tug Utile; and Count Villamarina has immediately embarked on the Governolo for Palermo, where Garibaldi requested his presence. The tricolour of Italy, with the cross of Savoy, now floats over the citadel of Castellamare there. The malady of the young King, at Portici, adds to the confusion of affairs. Sicily being now arrived at its majority, and able to enter into valid contracts without control of any trustee or guardian, is about to test its new condition by selling the island with a public debt, for defensive as well as aggressive purposes. A letter in this evening's "Opinion Nationale," dated Genoa, 23d June, announces the arrival there of 200 French recruits, bent on going to aid the Sicilians.

Formal tracticians are discussing Garibaldi's next move, and his descent on the mainland is predicted by the knowing ones. It is nevertheless certain that a concentration of insurgents from Cefalù along the coast road, as far as the point marked on the map Barcolona, has already resulted in the formation of a camp at that spot, near the Straits, where the Sicilians muster to the number of 10,000, and are anxiously waiting for the word to invest Messina or else embark for the opposite shore on the arrival of leader or barques. The possession of the Etna heights by the peasantry is stated by M. Leduc, in the "Moniteur" to secure combined operation all over the island by means of signals by night or day, visible as far as Malta, and that the national case has secret intelligence with the garrison in Messina is more than surmised, the "Gironale Officiale" of Garibaldi penetrating into the city in spite of every precaution.

From her dogged attitude of passive obstruction to the free development of North Italian independence, Austria seems bent on mischief. The non-admission of the tricolour flag at Trieste or Fiume, when borne by barques from Ravenna and Rimini, amounts to a commercial blockade of that coast, and the agglomeration of troops on the Po is a standing menace which the French Emperor is fully up to. It is believed in Paris that no other motive brought him to Baden than to secure France from any hostile attempt on the side of Germany, should it be found indispensable to resume last year's work at the point of the last Villafranca armistice, and finish the job effectually, once for all, with Austrian interference southwards. There is at this moment a camp of 30,000 men at Chalons under MacMahon, its manœuvres being meant to last all the summer. These are only fresh troops in due process of training, destined to augment the veteran forces, already abundant, at disposal. The calumet of peace may have been smoked a bit, but the hatchet of war is not buried.

Yet, Vienna has two constables forcing her to keep the peace in that peninsula, Bankruptcy and Hungary. The fraternization of the Croats with the Magyars is daily more cordial, and the Ban at Zograb, Coronini is at his wits' end. The latest symptom of a determination of one or both these provinces, now reluctant sultanas of the Kaiser, to use him in the Divorce Court for a separation "a mensa et thoro," if not "a vinculo," was shown the other day at Fured, a pleasant watering place on the margin of the Platten-see. A gathering took place there in honour of the poet Kistaledi, and as this vinacial summer resort of bathers is equidistant from Pesth and Agram (Zograb), by tacit understanding both nationalities were largely represented. A prominent feature in the assemblage was the spectacle of the abbot of a great Benedictine monastery publicly grasping the hand of a Lutheran pastor, amid the plaudits of the meeting, and pledging to co-operate in the redress of every wrong inflicted on any class of society by the demon of centralisation.

The rage manifested (though in a subdued form) by all the Court organs at Vienna about that Baden conference, is traceable to the fact that Napoleon III. has gained his point, and Germany will not now sid, by any diversion on the Rhine, the further enslavement of Italy.

Paris papers do not hesitate to complain of partiality shown towards Lamoriciere by the permission given here of publicly advertising the Papal loan, while public subscription for Garibaldi is not allowed—not that this loan has any success in financial quarters; the bank of Blount only engaging to take and transmit the money, but no more. It is objected to as arbitrary and illegal, that Roman consular officer in Paris not having been the medium of its issue, and the only guarantee being the personal responsibility of Antonelli and a few cardinals. Greek bonds had, thirty years ago, painful notoriety, but now the scene is transferred from Athens to Rome as in the case of other fine arts—

ut artes
intulit agresti Latio.

The usual letter from Greece in *Le Nord* (date June 14) expatiates on the discoveries of the French excavators, under M. Lenormant, among the ruins of Eleusis. The London "Dilettanti Society" had worked this quarry in 1814, but made sundry mistakes, as shown in the printed reports. A marble statue of Antinous has turned up, of the natural size, all hitherto known to Europe being semi-colossal. Also the architrave of the temple of Minerva was found, which appears to have been restored by the Romans, as it bears a Latin inscription—"Propvisvm, cereris. app. clavd. pvlcher. cona. vovit." In Cicero voluminous correspondence there is mention of this restoration.

EXPRESS FROM PARIS.

The following is the letter of the *Times'* Paris correspondent, dated Monday, 7 A.M.:—

The Committee of the Commercial Reform Association has addressed the following circular to its members:

"Paris, June 21.

"SIR,—In our letter, dated May 16, we requested your opinion as to the mode in which the Customs' duties to be placed on merchandise entering France in virtue of the Commercial Treaty with England should be levied. We also asked you to consider, with reference to the manufacture or trade which more especially interests you, which is better—the duty on weight or measure, or the duty according to value.

"A considerable number of letters has been addressed to us on the subject; the development and the care which the greater part of our colleagues have given to the exposition of their opinions prove the importance which they attach to this subject. Many members of the association have expressed their desire that this matter should be examined in a general assembly, and we have readily deferred to their wishes.

"We therefore have the honour to inform you that the Assembly will hold a general meeting on Friday, the 29th of the present month, at eight o'clock in the evening, in one of the saloons of the Hotel de Louvre, Paris.

"We request your attendance at this meeting. Receive, &c.—Jean Dollfus, president; Arles Dufour, Count Herve de Kergorlay, Lopez Dubre, J. B. Pastre, A. Adam, Vicomte de Vergnette Lamotte, vice-presidents; J. Pugeay, R. Bondol, secretaries; H. Sieber, treasurer."

It appears by the official Customs returns published in the *Moniteur* of Tuesday last, that the Imperial decree removing the duties payable on the importation into France of articles of first necessity used in manufactures has produced a great increase in that branch of trade. The cotton, for instance, on which the duty was paid increased from 51,760 kilogrammes in May, 1859, to 588,172 kilos in May, 1860. There has likewise been a considerable increase on the importation of wool. The quantity on which duty was paid in May, 1859, was only 2,027,000 kilogrammes; it increased in May, 1860, to 7,653,300 kilos. The increase is the more remarkable as the decree removing the duties did not take effect until the 7th of May. On the other hand, the stocks in the bonded stores have diminished very considerably. There were 211,644 kilogrammes of cotton in the stores on the last day of May, 1859. There were but 71,548 kilogrammes on the last day of May, 1860. There were 28,862 kilogrammes of wool in store on the same day in 1859, and but 14,110 in 1860. The diminution in the amount of the Customs' duties received in May last as compared with May, 1859, is enormous. It is 8,057,556f. This, however, is the result of the new commercial system inaugurated by the Emperor, and was expected. The increased consumption, the consequence of low prices will, it is believed, repay the Government for the temporary sacrifice.

It is stated positively that the Council of State has rejected the propositions of the commission appointed by the Corps Legislatif to examine the bill for granting a loan of 40,000,000f. to the French manufacturers. The report of the commission recommended that a great financial and industrial association should be established, with power to advance 500,000,000f. to French manufacturers requiring assistance, to be repaid by instalments within 10 years, the Government to advance this company 40,000,000f. The Corps Legislatif are of opinion that this would be the most expedient mode of assisting the manufacturers without adding to the national debt, thus substituting the action of a private company to that of the State. The Council of State are of a different opinion; they recommend a direct loan. As it is not probable that the Corps Legislatif will yield to the Council of State, the only mode of preventing a conflict between these two powerful bodies is the suggestion of some other arrangement which may meet the approbation of both parties. The weather has changed considerably for the better within the last two days, and it is to be hoped that it will continue as fine as it is at present. This is a critical moment for the wheat crop which is now in blossom. The accounts received from the south of France continue to announce the favourable appearance of the growing crops. The reports from the wheat-growing districts in the neighbourhood of Paris represent one-third of the wheat crop to be excellent, one-third passable, and one-third bad. All will depend on the weather, a drenching sun is now as much dreaded as rain. Letters from Algiers state that the wheat crop in the province of Oran was much injured by the excessive heat which set in at the moment it was arriving at maturity. The last accounts from the North of Italy announce that the wheat crop is ripening, but that the present harvest cannot be reckoned among the most abundant. The news from Germany announces that the constant rain has seriously injured the rye crop. This is the more unfortunate as the people of Germany rely upon that grain for their subsistence. The change in the weather has had a favourable effect on prices in the Paris flour market last week. Flour of the four marks has fallen 1f. the sack of 157 kilogrammes. The factors declared on Saturday 2,751 sacks of flour, of which 71 sacks are of first quality,—sold for delivery within 30 days at prices varying from 67f. to 70f. the sack. There was more wheat offered for sale by farmers last week than the week preceding. They still, however, demand the previous prices. The millers refused to give more than 42f. 50c. for a sack of 159 kilogrammes for the finest samples of wheat, and 42f. for other samples according to quality. There were offers at these prices from merchants from Poitou, Nivernois, Allier, Burgundy, and Chalons. The accounts of the oats crop are favourable, and that grain is more offered in the Paris market. The Minister of War signed a contract on Wednesday for the delivery in Paris of 4,300 quintals of oats at 21f. 75c. the quintal, being a diminution of 19c. the quintal as compared with a contract signed the 23rd of May. Travellers who have passed through Champagne state that the rye crop is equal to any ever seen in that rye-growing district. The spring barley, likewise, has an excellent appearance; not so the winter barley, which is bad both in the North of France and in Belgium.

The telegraph has supplied us with the prices of the provincial corn markets held on Saturday:—"Arras—A fall of 1f. the hectolitre on wheat. Prices, 19f. to 26f. 75c. the hectolitre." "Dijon—Magnificent weather. Large offers of wheat, and sales difficult. A fall of 1f. the hectolitre on inferior quality." "Marseilles.—Fine weather. Corn market quiet. African wheat 37f. the measure of 140 litres; Irka, 37f.; Danube, 34f. 25c." "Metz—1,467 hectolitres of wheat sold at an average of 30f. 95c. the 100 kilogrammes. The weather is at length most favourable for the blossoming of the wheat." "Montauban—Fine weather. A fall on wheat of 1f. the hectolitre."

There was a good demand for beef and mutton at the market of Poissy on Thursday last. The demand for veal was not as good as the preceding market. There were 1,888 oxen offered for sale, of which 1,634 were sold at prices varying from 1f. 28c. to 1f. 48c. the kilogramme; 282 cows, of which 263 sold at from 94c. to 1f. 32c. the kilogramme; 11,038 sheep, of which 10,547 sold from 1f. 28c. to 1f. 58c. the kilogramme; 725 veal calves, of which 714 sold from 1f. 64c. to 1f. 90c. The quality of the oxen was better than at the preceding market, and sales were easily effected. The cows were of ordinary quality, but still they sold well. The sheep were good, and sold rather higher than on Monday.

The works for the continuation of the railway from Rennes to Brest are being carried on with increased activity. Two brigades of navvies have been at work for the last three weeks on the section from Landerneau to Morlaix; one in the direction of Saint-Thegonnec, the other in the direction of Landerneau.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

(From Tuesday Evening's "Gazette.")

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 7th day of March, 1860—present, the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas, in the event of hostilities commencing between her Majesty and her august ally, the Emperor of the French on the one hand, and the Emperor of China on the other hand, it is the intention and desire of her Majesty, and of his Majesty the Emperor of the French, to act during such hostilities in strict conformity with the declaration respecting Maritime Law, signed by the Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, Austria, France, Prussia, Russia, Sardinia, and Turkey, assembled in Congress at Paris, and dated April 16th, 1856; and whereas her Majesty is willing to extend the benefits of the said declaration of Paris to all Powers which may be neutral in the said hostilities.

Now her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that so far as regards the ships of any neutral Power, the flag of any such Power shall cover the enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war; so that no goods of enemies found on board any ship belonging to the subjects of such neutral Power, or to those inhabiting within the dominions of any such Power, and duly entitled to use the flag of such Power, shall be subject to capture or condemnation by reason only of such goods being enemies' goods; all other liabilities to capture and condemnation, respectively, of enemies' goods and neutralships being reserved and remaining in all respects as before the declaration of the said Congress at Paris, of the 16th of April, 1856.

And it is hereby further ordered, that neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, shall not be liable to capture under the enemy's flag, by reason only of said goods being under the enemy's flag; all other liabilities to capture and condemnation of neutral goods being reserved, and remaining in all respects as before the declaration of the said Congress at Paris of the 16th April, 1856; provided always, and it is hereby ordered, that nothing herein contained shall be applicable to, or be construed, deemed, or taken, so as to operate or apply to, or in favour of any person, ship, or goods whatsoever, which may be captured for breaking, or attempting to break, or which may be lawfully adjudged to have broken or attempted to break, any blockade maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of the enemy; but that all such persons, ships and goods, may be duly taken cognisance of, proceeded upon, adjudicated, dealt with, and treated, in all respects and to all purposes, according to the course of Admiralty and the law of nations, as if this order had never been made, anything hereinbefore to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

And it is further ordered that, notwithstanding the existence of hostilities between her Majesty and her august ally on the one hand, and the Emperor of China on the other hand, and during the continuance thereof, all and every the subjects of her Majesty, and of her august ally the Emperor of the French, shall and may, during such hostilities, freely trade at and with all ports and places wheresoever situate in the dominions of China, and also with all persons whomsoever, as well subjects of the Emperor of China as others residing or trading within any part of the dominions of the said Emperor.

And it is further ordered and declared that if any Chinese ship or vessel shall be captured or taken by any of her Majesty's vessels or forces, having on board any merchandise or goods being the *bona fide* property of any subject or subjects of her Majesty, or of her august ally the Emperor of the French, such merchandise or goods shall not be subject or liable to be condemned as prize, but shall, on the proof of such property as aforesaid, be restored to the owner or owners thereof; provided always, and it is hereby ordered, that this order shall not apply, or be construed, deemed, or taken to operate to or apply to or in favour of contraband of war, or to trading in supply of, or dealing with, any articles or things which it may be declared by her Majesty and her august ally shall be deemed and taken as contraband of war, or to any trading or attempt to trade with places subject to effect blockade by the ships or fleets of her Majesty and her august ally, or either of them; and it is further ordered that her Majesty's officers and subjects, and especially her Majesty's courts and officers exercising any prize jurisdiction, to take notice hereof, and govern themselves accordingly. WM. L. BATHURST.

MR. GLADSTONE'S RUMOURED RESIGNATION.

A contemporary, usually possessing excellent information—the *Scotsman*—states that Mr. Gladstone is about to resign the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer; and adds, with some reserve, that the reason assigned for the step is a difference of opinion which has arisen between Mr. Gladstone and the majority of his colleagues as to the course proper to be taken by the Government in consequence of the rejection of the Paper Duty Repeal Bill by the House of Lords. The statement of our contemporary is not well founded. Mr. Gladstone has not resigned, nor is there any reason for supposing that he is about to resign. The cause which is put forward as the ground upon which the Chancellor of the Exchequer desires to separate himself from his colleagues has not yet arisen, for the Government has not settled what course ought to be adopted, nor are they likely to consider the question before the Committee on Precedents shall have made its report. It is quite true that a difference of opinion has arisen in the committee respecting the nature of the steps which the House of Commons should adopt, and we believe rumour is not wrong in stating that Lord John Russell, Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Bright constitute a minority who are in favour of a more practical assertion of the rights of the House of Commons than the remaining number of the committee are inclined to assent to. But the report yet remains unsettled, and it would be quite premature on the part of the Government to enter upon the question until the Select Committee of the House shall have stated its views. We may add our strong belief that when the Government come to settle what is the proper course to take the decision will be arrived at without any difference tending to Ministerial dislocation.—*Globe.*

CRICKET.

UNITED ALL IRELAND ELEVEN v. EIGHTEEN OF IRELAND.

This match will be played to-morrow and Saturday; play to commence precisely at eleven o'clock. Great interest is excited as to the result of this match, as the United Eleven will meet such a strong team that it is generally supposed they will not be able to compete successfully against such formidable odds.

The military band, by the kind permission of the officers, will be in attendance.

We understand this Eleven will leave Dublin on the 30th July, to play a series of matches, commencing with Belfast, playing against 22 of the North of Ireland, proceeding thence to Scotland, to play two matches—viz., against 18 of Glasgow, and 16 North of Scotland.

There are signs of great activity and enterprise amongst the cricketers of Ireland, and there can be no question but the prosperity of the game throughout the country, for we have little doubt that when once the game becomes well known, from properly balanced matches, which cause interest from the uncertainty of the result, they will draw spectators, and thus, by degrees, will excite emulation, and advance the spread of the game.

We think that Mr. Lawrence, of the Phœnix Club, deserves all praise and encouragement, for his unceasing perseverance and enterprise, which is, at last, though in far too small measure, receiving some appreciation, as testified by the increased number of members this year. He has engaged the All England Eleven to come over the first week in September to play 22 of Ireland; but we hope that the gentlemen of Ireland will not allow him to undergo the great risk incurred from his necessary expense of bringing over such renowned players.

The following are the names of the United All Ireland Eleven:—

George Barry, Esq.	
A. Brennan, Esq.	
R. H. Kinahan, Esq.	
Geo. Kinahan, Esq.	
J. P. Mahaffy, Esq.	
G. B. Pennell, Esq.	
Thomas Quinn, Esq.	
J. Roberts, Esq.	
S. Arthur, Esq.	
F. Doyle.	
C. Lawrence.	

DUBLIN AND BELFAST JUNCTION RAILWAY.—Traffic return for week ended 24th inst.:—Passengers and mails, £869 9s. 8d.; merchandise, live stock, &c., £443 0s. 9d.; total, £1,312 9s. 11d. Corresponding week last year:—Passengers and mails, £835 15s. 4d.; merchandise, live stock, &c., £367 4s. 10d.; total, £1,222 19s. 2d.

BOOTERSTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE.—A meeting on behalf of the Booterstown Auxiliary to the Protestant Orphan Society will be held in the Booterstown Schoolhouse, Cross-avenue, this (Thursday) evening, at seven o'clock, when a deputation will attend, and give interesting details of the progress and working of the institution.

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR IN ERRIS (DISTRICT OF DUNFANAGHY).

Dublin, 20th June, 1860.

Having recently visited the district in Erris on behalf of the poor of which I ventured to appeal to you, it affords me very sincere gratification to state that the relief sent there through your channel has been of great and essential benefit, and locally, if not throughout, adequate to the wants of that particular district. I am happy to say that the seed sets and potatoes were immediately planted, and are now promising a most luxuriant appearance. Indeed, I never saw the crops in that locality looking better. Fish were abundant, and on the day I was in Broadhaven, the 18th inst., numerous boats were engaged in fishing, and some came alongside offering gurnets at 2s. per hundred, and their crews spoke in strong terms of gratitude for the cargo of meal sent there, and but for which, they felt assured, provisions would have been extremely dear. I hope that it will be distinctly understood that I know nothing of any other district but that of Dunfanaghy; there may be distress elsewhere, but in that district I am decidedly of opinion that the funds placed by you at my disposal are ample to meet the wants of the people until their crops come in. When all the meal is expended, a considerable balance will remain in my hands, and which I purpose distributing to the greatest best, but not until I am fully satisfied more relief is not required. Should I, however, unfortunately be mistaken, I have no doubt any appeal I may make will be promptly and liberally responded to.

I have altogether, until now, declined to notice the observations made by the Parish Priest of Belmullet, upon the plan I have pursued for affording relief, but I am now answerable to that gentleman for my proceedings. I shall act, and continue to act, to the best of my judgment, being conscious of the rectitude of my own intentions, and believing the course I have pursued to have been sound, and calculated to do the greatest amount of good, and to have been far more prudent than any indiscriminate gratuitous issue of provisions. Upon this subject I append a copy of a letter from a highly respectable resident gentleman.

I cannot conclude without returning my sincere thanks to those who have been so kind as to entrust their subscriptions to me for the relief which, at the time, was so much needed.

JAMES DOMBRAIN.

"Inver, Tuesday Evening, June 19th, 1860.

"MY DEAR SIR,—In accordance with the few hurried lines I wrote this morning, and the work being over, I hasten to reply to your note, relating to the cargo of meal humanely and generously sent by Sir James Dombrain, for the relief of the distress in this country.

Firstly,—then, as to what the cargo 'accomplished.' My opinion is, it effected much good, and realised the purpose for which it was intended.

The seed supplied the means to many of tilling land which otherwise, I am told, must have remained waste.

"The meal stored in the neighbourhood afforded a convenient depot for the supply at a time, I must add, when it was really required. Of the quality, as I am a bad judge of meal, I must only relate circumstances connected with it. From the day the cargo arrived, up to the present moment, I have not heard a single individual complain. On the contrary, my tenants, workmen, and others, to whom I gave what I got from you, praised it as nice, clean, well-tasted meal.

"On the 17th May, I bought from you for my tenants a ton and a half of meal, and the price I paid was at the rate of £1 8s 9d the bag of two and a half cwt.; at subsequent periods, up to 11th June, I got about 15 cwt. more, and your charge was still the same.

"I am not well versed in mercantile matters, and would be loath to give my opinion about the probable price of Indian meal, if the cargo had not been sent.

"I shall, however, state price paid up to the time the vessel reached here, and the present charge for the bag of 2 cwt.—viz., £4 8s., about 17th May, now £5. This statement refers only to the prices charged here; it does not include Belmullet price, about which I know nothing since your cargo arrived. With reference to the transaction being remunerative to you, I will only say I do not see how it could have been so, unless, indeed, the trouble, anxiety, and anyance you accepted and cheerfully bore, should be thought, for the benefit of the poor, be considered the recompense.

"I am an humble but independent member of society. As such I beg to tender you my thanks and congratulations on your charitable and very successful efforts on behalf of the poor. And of Sir James Dombrain I will observe, he has well earned, and deserves (what I should hope he has) the gratitude and testimony of his contemporaries for the munificent generosity and valuable assistance in the efforts made to ameliorate the unhappy condition to which the people, for the most part, were reduced by the visitations of the last winter.—Believe me, my dear sir, faithfully yours,

"J. P. BLAKE."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Blackrock, June 27th, 1860.

SIR,—In your report of the proceedings of the Board of Guardians of the South Dublin Workhouse, in the IRISH TIMES of last Friday, the 22nd inst., a letter from the Poor Law Commissioners appears, which imputes to me a charge neither founded in fact or truth.

May I request that, as you published the charge against me, you will, on the ground of simple justice to me, also please to publish in the IRISH TIMES my answer to that charge which I hereby send you.—And you will much oblige, Sir, your humble servant,

JOHN MACHON.

"THE POOR LAW COMMISSIONERS.

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

"Blackrock, Dublin, 26th June, 1860.

"DEAR SIR,—You had the goodness to publish on the 16th inst., a short note, which I addressed to the Poor-Law Commissioners; and I will feel obliged by your having the following note, which I address to the same persons, in reply to their letter, which appears in the proceedings of the Board of Guardians of the South Dublin Union, on Thursday, the 21st, inserted in the "Catholic Telegraph," at your earliest convenience.—I remain, dear Sir, your humble servant,

"JOHN MACHON.

"TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF POOR-LAW IN IRELAND.

"SIRS,—I addressed to you a note on the 16th inst., in order to direct your attention to the fact that, amid the outrage and harsh treatment of female paupers, by the men servants of the South Dublin Union Poor house, is not of recent date, nor confined to the late scandalous occurrence; but on the contrary, it would appear to, unfortunately, be a part of a system of long and inveterate standing in that union.

"You, Sirs, in your letter of the 20th inst., addressed to the clerk of that union, said:—'The records of this (the Poor-Law Office) Department which were examined, not containing any account of the facts alleged, the Commissioners caused inquiry to be made by their inspector, Mr. Otway, and they find that the entire charge is a fabrication, no such search having been made at any time, and no order of the Commissioners prohibiting the use of stays having any existence.'

"Now, let it be observed, in the first place, that it is not at all likely that the servants and officers attached to the South Dublin Union years ago—for it was not to a recent, but to a period of some years back I alluded—if, I say, not likely that the documents testifying to such shameful conduct would have been preserved by the very men whose opprobrium they would record. No; it is much more likely that such documents never were recorded; or, if they ever had any existence, that they would have been thrown aside so that the reprehensible outrage might be hushed up.

"Sirs, I repeat that my statement, in the report, is not, as you presume to say, a fabrication; but, on the contrary, that the fact was communicated to me by a gentleman of the most irreproachable honour and probity, holding a distinguished position in society—revered and respected by all who enjoy the pleasure and privilege of his acquaintance—and not a Roman Catholic. This gentleman said he had the statement from a pauper female of the said poorhouse.

"And, if I might ask, as I do, in your name, I am of your having a dread a search for documents, and without any other guarantee, as to the person who made the alleged search: their diligence and fitness for such a long and laborious search amongst the documents, papers, and multitudinous records of the South Dublin Poorhouse, during a period of some ten or more years, is no trifling task, as is evident, and which would require, and, I believe, did require, not one individual, Mr. Otway, and only during, perhaps, half a day, or a few hours, applied in this case by that gentleman. Hence is your assertion, in this case, worthy of credit? No; it is simply impossible. It is quite evident that your statement is the real fabrication, and that my case is true.

"No, Sirs, I did not invent; neither did I fabricate anything; and I have not yet, and I defy any one to prove for my statement to Sir Robert Shaw, Bart.—the highly respected and impartial chairman of the South Dublin Poorhouse, or to Mr. Maunsell, D.V. Chairman of said union.

"Besides, Sirs, when there is a question of credibility is disputed Sirs, the par ies should come into court with washed hands, before any credit can be given to their assertions. Let us, then, see how far, and what amount of guilty is due to any allegations made either by you or Mr. Otway.

"To say nothing of the flagitious and cruel treatment inflicted on that much injured gentleman, the hon. Mr. Fox, just listen to the accusations of misstatements and false reports brought against you by one of the guardians at the last meeting of the Poor-Law Guardians, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Mark well, reader, the words of the guardian, Mr. Place; he said, referring to the letter of the Commissioners with regard to the seven convict girls—that letter was a tissue of misstatements. For instance, they stated in their letter that Mary Keely was sixteen years of age, and was first admitted into the house on the 30th of June, 1855. On referring to the records of the house he found that the girl was not sixteen years of age, and that on the 27th of June, three days before the Commissioners said she was first admitted, she was sent to gaol for some offence committed in the house; and after undergoing forty-eight hours' imprisonment, she returned to the workhouse on the 30th of June. (Hear, hear.) This was nearly two months after her first admission! Aye but the vexatious Commissioners stated in their written letter that this was 'the date of her first admission! Ah! does it not look like a little fabrication. The Commissioners had scribbled the matter some time ago for exaggeration; but he—this honest poor law guardian—would now convict them of the grossest exaggeration. They—Messrs. Les Commissionaires—stated everything in the most unfair manner. They said that that girl took her discharge thirteen several times; and in fact insinuated, 'that she went out voluntarily for immoral purposes.'

"What was the fact? Of the thirteen times referred to, she was sent out eight times to be imprisoned for various periods, for offences committed in the house. Therefore, she had not left voluntarily, as stated by the Commissioners, 'for immoral purposes.' But, it is only another easy at fabrication by Messrs. Les Commissionaires. These mischievous statements, continued his upright Poor Law Guardian, 'affecting these unfortunate girls, were made behind their backs, and without any opportunity with refuting or explaining them.' And this is called justice, aye, justice, indeed, according to our Poor Law Commissioners; to accuse and condemn persons without affording them an opportunity to defend themselves.

"The next girl they referred to, was Jane O'Neil, who they stated, was sixteen years of age, when first admitted.

"This was wrong, also; she was but twelve. They, also, said she was admitted in 1856, whereas she was first admitted in September, 1856. They—Messrs. Les Commissionaires (discreet, too highly paid officials, one has the enormous sum of £2,000, and the other £1,500 a year, besides the salaries paid to the chief and assistant clerks, poor law inspectors, &c., &c.—all strangers—not Irishmen, either Catholic or Protestant)—said she went out, ten times with the same privilege as that instituted in the other case. He repeated that if those poor girls were present they might be able to explain what they had done, and it was very unfair to assail them in their absence.

"Mr. Austin said that those statements, now said to be incorrect, had been furnished to the Commissioners from the books of the workhouse.

"Mr. Place said that the statements were taken from the books, which told a very different tale. The Commissioners had sent Mr. Hobinson, one of their inspectors, who spent a couple of hours in making his investigation, which, if properly made, would have taken more time and trouble. Well, now Sirs, who will, or, in truth, could believe that the person, Mr. Otway, entered, as you say, to make a search amongst the innumerable records, documents, and papers, accumulating during a number of years in the department of the Poor Law office, and in the offices of the South Dublin Workhouse—and who employed the time and trouble required for such a necessarily tedious and laborious task; or that any one individual could, by any possibility, accomplish such a job so as to indeed any person to give any weight to such a tale, always excepting yourselves, the Poor Law Commissioners?

"But let us still keep Mr. Place. He correct, he explained that the Commissioners, Messrs. Les Commissionaires, had stated that the girls had been given the Pass of Guardians, and improperly discharged into the town. He showed that never was such a thing done. There were two cases where the girls were discharged to the care of the friends of the Guardians, but in the case of the other girls it is necessary to refer to them, because, as he said, shamefully and more than enough to prove that the Commissioners' report could not be true.

"Well, after this exposure of the wilful misstatements, the base and unfounded fabrications made by themselves and their inspectors, and submitted to and endorsed by these Commissioners, who will not at once conclude that the Commissioners of Poor Law could convicted of these misstatements and calumnyrmatations?

"I am, Sirs, your humble servant,

"JOHN MACHON.

"Chaplain to the Hospital of Jervis-street, Dublin."

IN RE M'KENNA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

St. Louis Omnibus, June 27, 1860.

SIR,—Will you allow me to correct two slight errors in your report of the above case, in this day's paper?

1st. The bankrupt did obtain his certificate more than two years ago, and

2nd. I am the agent of the bankrupt, and Mr. Mathews of Mr. Henry Thomas Walsh, against whom the motion was decided, with costs.—Your obedient servant,

SAMUEL GERRARD.

CELESTIAL PHENOMENON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—On last Friday evening, about 11½ p.m., I was asked by a friend to look with my reflector at a star which was seen in a chink of the otherwise cloudy sky, directly under the pole star; if we suppose a line drawn vertically from the pole star to the horizon, and that line divided into three equal parts, the comet might be situate where the lower and middle parts met. It seemed due north, but might have been a shade to westward of the line. It must be remembered that my friend and I only got a glance at it, as we were trying to have the glass ready in time.—I am, sir, yours sincerely, JOHN M. STOTHARD.

P.S.—I enclose my card. I may mention that the object had a visible tail, which was nearly erect, and pointed from the sun. J. S.

LICENSED GROCERS' AND VINTNERS' SOCIETY.

The usual weekly meeting of this society took place yesterday, at their rooms, in William-street—

Mr. DENIS FLANAGAN in the chair.

Mr. Brady, the Secretary, having handed in the renewed subscription of Mr. Charles M'Gouran, £1 2s. 6d., said that in obedience to the instructions he had received on that day week, he had to report having communicated with a good many of the Irish representatives in reference to the Wine Licensing Bill which had been introduced on the previous evening, and to the great surprise of every member of the trade, when they bore in mind the promise which had been held out in the early part of the session to the effect that the Bill would not be extended to Ireland for the present. That promise or declaration, to a certain extent, disarmed the strong opposition which existed against the measure. And now when their ranks were somewhat broken, and when there was less chance to resist the measure with effect it was introduced. Mr. Vincent Scully was kind enough to send them a copy of the bill on the first opportunity. The Attorney-General and Sir Edward Grogan also followed in the same wake. He (the secretary) had also received a communication with a gentleman who, he considered, was deserving of the thanks of the society—namely, Mr. Hennessy, who, upon the introduction of the bill, on Tuesday night, was the only Irish representative present, and, consequently, the only one of them who raised his voice and protested against extending this measure to Ireland. He perceived, also, by the newspapers, that that gentleman took a very active part on Monday night in opposing the bill, and he opposed it with good reason, upon the ground that no copy of the bill had yet reached the hands of the Irish members, and that most of them were absent from the House. He (the secretary) had also to mention that Mr. Maguire opposed the bill, as did also several other Irish members; but, unfortunately, a large number of them voted in favour of it. Mr. Hennessy had written them a letter upon the subject, which he felt great pleasure in reading:—

28th June, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR,—I made an ineffectual effort last night to stop the progress of the Irish Wine Licensing Bill. Unfortunately, most of the Irish members who were present approved their approval of the bill, and I thought it expedient to reserve my chief assault on the measure till the motion for going into committee. I shall then give the rejection of the bill; in the meantime you might do good by writing to the members of the Irish members with whom you have influence. The committee is fixed for Monday.—Yours, faithfully, J. POPE HENNESSY.

B. Brady, Esq.

Mr. Brady resumed by saying he thought that Mr. Hennessy's advice should be acted on without delay. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had stated that there was no opposition of any kind from Ireland to the principle of the measure, and therefore he said it was that he was pressing it on. Now, that excuse should be taken from him, and he should be at once shown that there was an opposition to the bill in Ireland, and why not. Were he (the secretary) to dwell upon the evils which would be inflicted upon the trade, and upon society in general, by the passing of this measure, he would have to occupy much more of their time upon this occasion than he intended to do. However, he would say that they were now, and had for many years, been suffering from a class of persons called licensed spirit grocers, many of whom, he admitted, were respectable men, and conducted their establishments in a proper manner; but, at the same time, there were others of that class who notoriously carried on their trade in a manner for which they were not licensed, and under the very eyes of the police. It was admitted that the citizens of Dublin had a large organised police force—perhaps the largest in the United Kingdom, considering the population of the city; yet it was an indisputable fact that there were some 80 or 90 of the houses alluded to doing business at all hours, from the closing hour on Saturday night until Monday morning.

Mr. Carey, the president of the society, remarked that the conduct of such persons was most shameful, and that every effort should be made by the authorities to suppress it.

Mr. Brady (the secretary)—It was a common thing to see persons, during the prohibited hours, staggering about, having a short time before procured the drink which brought them to that state, and the police were utterly unable to suppress the evil. One of the superintendents had lately stated to the Recorder that the reason why prosecutions were not instituted against such persons was, that from the complicated nature of the law they could not get convictions. Hence it was that they were permitted to go on unchecked. It was also to be observed that there was no such class of traders in England, and that, under all the circumstances of the case, it was clear that the introduction of another class of traders, in addition to the one referred to, would be productive of the greatest evils.

The Chairman observed that the spirit grocers were, in his opinion, a worse class than that contemplated by the bill.

Mr. Carey (the president)—Not a bit.

Mr. Brady resumed by saying he considered their friend of the *Freeman's Journal* very remiss in not having called the attention of the public to the evils of this measure before this; and, at the same time, he should mention that one of the best and ablest articles which he had read for a long time upon the subject had appeared in the IRISH TIMES, of Thursday. (Hear, hear.) That article was conceived in the proper spirit, and placed the matter exactly in the point of view in which the public and members of Parliament should look at it. It showed, with the utmost clearness and precision, that the houses licensed under the bill would become houses for the sale of spirits—(hear, hear)—and that a new class of tipplers would be created by it. Respectable females and children could be induced to go into these refreshment-houses, and would acquire a taste for spirituous liquors which they could, no doubt, improve upon. After tasting the strong and highly-brandied wines which were now being imported into this country, they would soon after proceed to houses where liquors of a stronger kind were sold, and would finish their career in a manner by no means creditable.

Mr. Carey (the president) said he hoped the Irish ladies would have too much regard for their characters to enter any of those confectioners' shops in which wine was sold; and he would say, as the Recorder said when a gentleman in Grafton-street sought a license for a refreshment, "We have not yet arrived at the refinement which exists in Paris, and I hope we never shall." He (Mr. Carey) had no doubt but that the Irish ladies would have too great a sense of prudence to enter any place in which spirits were sold under the disguise of wine. Mr. Carey then referred to the 27th section of the act in question, which says:—"If any person licensed to retail wine under this act shall receive into, or keep or have in his possession in any cellar, room, or place entered for storing, keeping, or retailing wine or any spirits, he shall, in addition to all other penalties, forfeit the sum of £50, which shall be denominated an excise penalty, and all spirits found in any such entered cellar, room, or place, shall be forfeited; and on conviction of any such licensed person in any penalty, for having spirits in his possession, or for selling or retailing spirits, the license of such person for retailing wine shall become null and void." Now, he (Mr. Carey) contended that this act would place those parties in the same position as the spirit grocers, who, in 1842, when prosecuted for selling spirits, threw up barricades, and thereby defeated the prosecuting parties, because they were entered as licensed only for the shop. The whiskey, however, was to be found in the back part of the premises, and any officer was refused admission to this part of the premises. The very same thing would occur again, if under this bill parties were allowed to keep spirits in a part of the house not entered in the revenue books. Mr. Carey also referred to the 29th section of the new bill, and commented upon the absurdity of it, for the first part of that section limits the selling of liquor between 7 o'clock in the morning and 11 o'clock at night, while in the after part it states that the parties sh